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Numeiri, Giscard hold talks in Khartoum



President Giscard

KHARTOUM, May 23 (Agencies) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing arrived Wednesday for a one-day visit during which he held talks on relations with Africa and the Arab world with the chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Sudan President Jaafar Numeiri.

President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing were welcomed by President and Mrs. Numeiri when their airplane landed from Rwanda, where the French leader had taken part in a Franco-African summit conference.

The French and Sudanese Presidents then held two sessions. The French leader and his wife leave for Paris Wednesday night.

Ismail ends visit to Algeria

ALGIERS, May 23 (R) — South Yemen President Abdul Fattah Ismail left Wednesday after a four-day official visit to Algeria, the Algerie Presse Service reported.

Ismail had talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and other Algerian officials, mainly on current Middle East issues, it said.

He also visited the Algerian town of Tlemcen and natural gas plants at Arzew.

Novice Joe Clark beats Trudeau in Canada race

OTTAWA, May 23 (R) — Political Novice Joe Clark and his progressive Conservative Party ended the 11-year rule of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau early Wednesday.

Trudeau, one of the Western world's most experienced leaders, conceded defeat and said he would ask Canada's governor-general within the next two or three days to appoint Clark, 39, as prime minister.

Clark will head a minority government. Results from Tuesday's general election left the Progressive Conservatives six seats short of an absolute majority in the House of Commons.

Trudeau, moist-eyed, appeared before hundreds of his loyal followers. Rejecting their cries of "no, no," he declared that he would step down and become leader of the opposition.

"I think it is our duty to hand over to Mr. Clark... As for me, I'll be a pretty good leader of the opposition. This country will need us in the future," he said.

Clark, 20 years junior to Trudeau will be the youngest leader in Canada's 112-year history and the youngest leader of a major Western country.

He has been in elected politics for only seven years and leader of his party for only three. He has no governmental or business experience.

With a few results for the 282-seat house still to be declared, the Conservatives had won or were leading in 134, Trudeau's Liberals had 116, the New Democratic Party 26 and the Quebec-based Social Credit party six.

In the last parliament, which had 18 fewer seats than the new one, Liberals held a 133-98 edge over the Conservatives.

Although Trudeau tried to make national unity the major issue of the campaign, the result meant voters saw the contest as a chance to end aloof and autocratic rule.

The campaign swung on English-speaking Canada's weariness of Trudeau, a Montreal mil-

lionaire long shorn of the dazzling aura of "Trudeaumania" that propelled him to power in 1968.

His Liberals were decimated in Ontario, the country's most populous province, where eight of his 32 cabinet ministers were defeated.

But the Liberals swept French-speaking Quebec, leaving the national political line-up largely polarized along a language divide.

This increased Clark's future problems in trying to prevent Quebec from breaking away to become an independent nation.

Clark, in his victory speech, held out an olive branch to Quebec, saying that he wanted to make his country of two languages and two cultures a model for the world.

"I want to keep this nation together," he declared to cheers from his supporters.

"I remain (determined) to form a genuinely national government representative of all corners of Canada. Quebec will not feel isolated in a Clark government."

Clark's immediate problem will be to canvass support from minority parties in parliament to form a government with majority support.

There was some speculation that he might turn to the tiny French Canadian Social Credit Party, a right-wing group which wants Quebec to stay in Canada.

On the other hand, party leaders said he might go ahead and form a minority government, trusting that the other parties would shy away from forcing another general election.

Clark promised to start work Thursday on plans to bolster the sluggish Canadian economy which has an inflation rate near 10 per cent and one million people out of work.

His Progressive Conservative government will be the first in Canada since 1963. The party, which is based on businessmen and prairie farmers, has governed for only six of the past 44 years.

Kingdom, Morocco reaffirm need to regain Jerusalem

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — King Khaled returned home Wednesday after a five-day visit to Morocco as guest of King Hassan.

During the visit the two monarchs had political talks on Sunday and Tuesday, devoted mainly to the questions of Jerusalem, Palestine and the Middle East in general.

In a joint communique issued Wednesday Saudi Arabia and Morocco reaffirmed their adherence to the Baghdad summit conference resolutions and their commitment to the Palestinian question and Arab sovereignty over the holy city of Jerusalem.

The two countries reiterated their determination to double their efforts to help liberate the occupied lands including Jerusalem, and help the Palestinian people regain their rights.

The two countries declared that the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization have a right to establish an independent state in their country.

The two countries also agreed to coordinate their actions with regard to the application of the resolutions taken by the Arab League and economy ministers in Baghdad and concurred on the need for the Arab League to take an effective part in carrying them out.

With regard to Lebanon the two countries reiterated their dedication to the territorial integrity of Lebanon and their support for the legal government and national reconciliation. They expressed their "deep concern and denunciation of Israeli designs which threaten Lebanon's unity, security and stability," and expressed hopes that tranquility will be restored to the country "so that Lebanon may remain, as it has always been, a land of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between various religions and sects."

Saudi Arabia and Morocco pledged to bolster Islamic solidarity so that the Islamic bloc of countries "may contribute to world civilization in the pursuit of peace, progress and prosperity."

The communique added that the two countries would coordinate their work on the resolutions of the Islamic foreign ministers conference especially those dealing with the Jerusalem committee which is presided over by King Hassan "so that it may carry out its work more effectively in the service of Arab rights."

King Khaled praised King Hassan for accepting to preside over the committee and expressed his appreciation of his determination "to do his utmost to achieve its goals."

The two leaders pledged to consolidate Arab-African cooperation. They condemned racial discrimination in the continent, and held identical views on international issues and reaffirmed their belief in the United Nations and Arab League charters and that of the Organization of Islamic Conference and the policy of non-alignment. They said that peace and security in the world "is essential for the prosperity of its peoples."

They expressed deep satisfaction



BACK HOME: King Khaled on his arrival at Riyadh airport Wednesday after a five-day official visit to Morocco.

tion with their strong bilateral relations and said they are "determined to further enhance them in political, economic and cultural fields. The two leaders decided to form a permanent joint commission at foreign ministers' level to consult and coordinate policy on all issues of mutual interest. The commission is to meet twice a year.

King Khaled thanked his host and the people of Morocco for their warm welcome and hospital-

ity and invited King Hassan to visit Saudi Arabia, who accepted the invitation at a date that will be fixed later.

Describing the royal visit as "historic," Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouaid said that "it will have a permanent place in Moroccan annals." He added that the visit, coming shortly after the foreign ministers' conference, gave the two monarchs a chance to

discuss its resolutions and to coordinate efforts and unify plans especially with regard to Jerusalem.

On his return to Riyadh, King Khaled was met by Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and a number of Royal Family members, Cabinet ministers, senior officials and citizens.

Stresses economic revival

Iran premier favors amnesty

TEHRAN, May 23 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan said Wednesday he was in favor of a general amnesty in Iran, where more than 200 people have been sent before firing squads by revolutionary tribunals since last February.

Bazargan said an amnesty would enable the government to deal with pressing issues, such as reviving the economy, instead of preoccupying itself with problems arising out of political arrests, according to the official radio.

The prime minister was speaking to a delegation of university chancellors amid reports that the head of the revolutionary tribunals, Ayatollah Sadegh Kalkhali, had resigned in a row over his call for killing of the exiled Shah.

Kalkhali has said the Shah had been condemned to death and urged anyone of any faith or nationality to kill the exiled monarch, now living in the Bahamas.

The prosecutor of the Tehran Revolutionary Court, Ayatollah Ahmad Azari Qomi, said Wednesday he had no idea whether the Shah had been sentenced to death.

In a separate case, Justice Minister Assadollah Mobasher, told a visiting French lawyer that all he knew of the trial of a prominent Jewish businessman was what he had read in the newspapers.

French lawyer Serge Klarsfeld, a campaigner against anti-Semitism, said the minister had told him he had nothing to do with the trial or execution of Habibollah Elgharbi earlier this month.

Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, apparently embarrassed by the international reaction to Kalkhali's pronouncements, said this week that the religious leader was not even a member of the revolutionary courts.

But the important Tehran Revolutionary Committee flatly denied this Wednesday and said Kalkhali had been personally appointed by Iran's unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Khomeini.

Kalkhali was not available for comment on the reports that he had resigned.

But his wife said her husband had decided to give up the presidency of the revolutionary courts Tuesday because of the controversy over his recent public statements.

However, she said she was not sure whether Khomeini would accept her husband's resignation.

In an interview with Tehran newspaper "Kayhan", Kalkhali said that Khomeini should become the first president of Iran's Islamic Republic.

In another interview with "Kayhan", the Tehran

Revolutionary Court prosecutor said there were at present 2,000 political prisoners awaiting trial in Tehran's main Qasr jail, including 30 women, but that 700 others had been released in the last three months.

In another development one soldier was executed Wednesday in the northeastern city of Mashhad after being convicted by a revolutionary court of firing at anti-Shah demonstrators last year. This was the 216th political execution since the February revolution.

For the first time since the Shah was overthrown, the official radio broadcast an order from prosecutor-general Mehdi Hadvay

that only members of the armed forces have the right to arrest military personnel.

The order specifically said that members of the revolutionary committees or the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution militia had no right to detain any member of the armed forces.

The armed forces disintegrated in the revolution. Since then, over 30 generals have been executed and many officers have either been purged or have gone into hiding.

The prosecutor's general's move appeared to be aimed at restoring the morale of the military.

PLO claims responsibility for attacks against Israel

DAMASCUS, May 23 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility for a series of attacks on Israeli targets Wednesday, and said a number of Israelis were killed and wounded.

A commando military spokesman reported several attacks on Israeli government offices in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron.

Following this, the Israeli authorities arrested scores of the city's inhabitants, he added.

He also said commandos operating from within occupied territory were responsible for an explosion at Tel Aviv, Wednesday resulting in many casualties.

The explosive charges were planted at the entrances of the Israeli army food stores caused much destruction, the spokesman said.

Many arrests among Palestinians were made, he said.

He added that a bomb planted by the commandos near a Jerusalem night club Tuesday night was detected just in time.

In Petach Tikva, police said that a woman and girl were killed and 14 people injured in Wednesday's

bomb explosion.

The bomb was apparently placed on the roof of the shelter in the center of the town, which has been the frequent target for Palestinian attacks because of its proximity to the occupied West Bank.

Earlier, the Israeli government offices in Hebron came under bomb attacks, but there were no casualties, police said.

The three government offices, situated in different buildings throughout the town, were heavily damaged in the blasts, Israeli security forces said.

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BEIRUT, May 23 (R) — Israeli aircraft attacked three Lebanese villages Wednesday killing at least three civilians and wounding seven others, Beirut Radio reported. A military spokesman quoted by the radio said the jets strafed houses occupied by Lebanese and Palestinian civilians for 10 minutes at the villages of Damour and Naameh about 20 kilometers south of Beirut. The aircraft also attacked Ayyahiyeh in South Lebanon.

Iraq to seek ousting Egypt from nonaligned movement

HAVANA, May 23 (Agencies) — Iraq will seek the suspension of Egypt from the 86-nation non-aligned movement because of its peace treaty with Israel, visiting Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohiaddin Marouf said Tuesday night, according to Cuban news agencies.

Egypt is a founder-member of the movement and the ouster bid seems bound to cause a major controversy, diplomats commented.

Marouf, who left for home Tuesday night after a one-day working visit, said Iraq would ask for the suspension at the non-aligned summit meeting in Havana next September, the Cuban news agencies reported.

He told a press conference that the peace treaty had created a very difficult situation for the Arab

cause and that the confrontation with Israel and imperialism demanded unity.

Most Western correspondents were not invited to the press conference, but it was reported fully by Cuba's news agencies whose version collaborated one another.

Iraq's specific grounds for seeking the suspension were not known immediately.

The non-aligned movement's basic requirement for membership is that a country should not be part of a big-power alliance.

Non-aligned diplomats said that the establishment of United States monitoring bases in Sinai under the treaty might be put forward as justification for the suspension of Egypt.

Other Arab countries have already broken relations with Egypt, but suspending it from the movement in which it has always played a leading role, would be a major further step, diplomats said.

Marouf said he was sure Egypt's suspension would be supported by members of the movement.

But non-aligned diplomats, who declined to be named, said their countries would view the suggestion with grave concern.

Cuba's stand was not immediately known. In the past Cuba has strongly condemned Egypt and backed the Iraqi and Syrian approach in the Middle East.

But there was speculation Cuba might not welcome a deep division in the non-aligned movement, particularly at the Havana sum-

mit. Earlier in Damascus, Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak said Tuesday the Egyptian-Israeli treaty obstructed the achievement of a just settlement in the Middle East.

Husak, speaking at a banquet given by Syrian President Hafez Assad, said Czechoslovakia would continue to stand firmly by Arab rights.

"Israeli aggression and occupation are a hotbed of tension in the Middle East," he said.

Husak, who arrived in Damascus Monday on a four-day state visit, called for a comprehensive solution of the problem and added: "The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty only constituted a retreat in the face of the aggressor and does not respect the wishes and interests of the Arab peoples. It only serves imperialist and Zionist interests."

He said Czechoslovakia believed a just settlement in the area should be based on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and recognition of Palestinian rights, including the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

President Assad said in his speech at the banquet that peace in the Middle East could not be achieved through bilateral and separate deals.

He said latest developments had shown the agreement was "a plot to impose surrender on the Arabs, betray their right and divide their front."

Egypt to ask Israel to freeze settlements in Gaza, West Bank

CAIRO, May 23 (Agencies) — Egypt Wednesday disclosed an opening position for Friday's negotiations with Israel on Palestinian autonomy which is almost diametrically opposed to Israel's latest proposals.

But Western diplomats said a major clash during the first meeting in Beersheba in the Negev Desert would probably be avoided.

This was because Israel would not be formally presenting its position as a result of opposition from moderates in the Israeli cabinet led by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

The autonomy negotiations are being boycotted as inadequate by the Palestinians, who want an independent state.

Egypt's proposals were given to the Egyptian media by an official Egyptian source — a device frequently used by the government to make its views known without giving them the weight of an official

statement.

The proposals include a request to Israel to freeze the building of new settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and to dismantle some already built as a goodwill gesture.

The Israeli proposals, leaked to the media earlier this week, call for continued Israeli jurisdiction over the settlements and make no mention of either a freeze or dismantling of settlements.

The Egyptian proposals also state that autonomy is a first step towards independence.

The Israeli position is that there will never be a Palestinian state and that Israel will claim sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza after a five-year interim period. Inhabitants will be given the choice of Israeli or Jordanian citizenship.

President Anwar Sadat was meeting with his Vice-President, Hosni Mubarak, and Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil in Alexandria

Wednesday to discuss the autonomy talks.

Thursday he will meet U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on the same issue.

Vance is due to have talks on the subject in London earlier in the day with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Khalil will lead the Egyptian delegation at the Beersheba talks which will also be attended by Vance.

Other major differences include the Israeli view that autonomy refers to the inhabitants, not the land, and that Israel will keep its authority in the area along with the proposed self-governing local Palestinian councils.

Egypt's position is that sovereignty over land and over people is inseparable and that the setting up of a Palestinian authority means the termination of Israeli authority in the West Bank and Gaza.

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Riyadh's housing scheme gets go ahead after delay

By A Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, May 23 — A long-delayed project to provide housing for the poor in Riyadh is finally to go ahead but apparently on a reduced scale.

The scheme, which was originally designed to house about 9,000 persons four years ago, will now accommodate about two-thirds that number on completion two years from now. It will cost SR 1 billion.

Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb signed the contract Wednesday with the South Korean firm, Hanyang Housing Construction Ltd. Under the contract, Hanyang is to build 196,000 square meters.

Each block will comprise 10 storeys with six three-roomed apartments — making a total of 1,440 flats.

The scheme is part of the Ministry's 'Rush Housing Program' approved by the Council of Ministers to meet the Kingdom's drastic housing shortage four years ago. Contracts for nearly 4,000 apartments in high-rise tower blocks in Dammam and Jeddah were awarded in 1977.

RSAF officers to host Pakistan air commander

JEDDAH, May 23 (SPA) — Pakistani Air Force Chief of Staff Air Marshal Muhammad Anwar Shamim arrived here Wednesday on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom.

He was met at the airport by Brig. Hashim Nabulsi, commander of Jeddah Air Base, Brig. Sadeq Jawharji and several high-ranking officers of the Royal Saudi Air Force.

Shamim said he would hold talks with RSAF officers on cooperation between the two countries. He added that his visit aimed at consolidating existing relations between the two services.

He will perform the Unruh and visit the Holy Prophet's Mosque in Medina.

The SR 2 billion Jeddah scheme, 'Jeddah Towers', is rapidly approaching completion by West German and French contractors and the SR 1.9 billion Dammam scheme, being built by Ogem of the Netherlands is following closely. Each project will provide around 2,000 flats.

But the Riyadh project, which was originally to be identical, was held up because the ministry could not obtain a suitable plot of land, according to Prince Miteb.

Because of the perceived necessity for speed, the rush housing program has only minimal public services. With the easing of the burden, chiefly through massive private building, emphasis has since shifted to a general housing program which seeks to create 'integrated mini-cities' with their own schools, utilities and public services networks — with the Korean construction industry sweeping all the contracts.

Under the general scheme, Korean firms are building 5,000 housing units on Kharij Road in the capital.

The Riyadh rush project will have more services than Jeddah and Dammam. The contracts include seven children's playgrounds, two restaurants, a mosque, five parking lots and a public park and will have its own drinking water, sewage system and electricity. Maintenance of the project will be contracted out, the minister said.

But it does not include schools, clinics or a police station. Prince Miteb said that the ministry had requested expropriation of land for these from the Ministry of Finance, which handles state demands on land use. Land has recently been obtained for schools and medical facilities at Jeddah and Dammam, the minister said.

With Wednesday's award, the rush housing scheme is now completely under way and the minister said that plans were being pre-

pared for general housing in Mecca, Medina, Buraidah, Khafji and Qatif.

But there remains the question of allotment of the rush scheme's flats to low-income families. Prince Miteb chairs a committee preparing criteria for their allotment. He said the committee would shortly complete its report for submission to the Council of Ministers for discussion.

Wednesday's award also underlines the total domination of public housing by the Korean construction industry since Korean firms picked up more than SR 6 billion in general housing last June. Hanyang itself last week was awarded SR 1.25 billion in housing for state hospital employees in five towns.

SR 8b Power Project

SPA adds: A project to increase the capacity of Riyadh's existing power plants and constructing new plants in the industrial zone will be completed by the end of the next year, 'Al-Medina' newspaper said Wednesday.

The Saudi Real Estate Fund will assist by giving a loan of SR 900 million for the project which is to cost nearly SR 8 billion.

Four international companies are studying a project to hook villages between Jeddah and Mecca into the electricity network at an estimated cost of SR 500 million.

Canadian Muslims greeted by Khaled; denounce treaty

JEDDAH, May 23 — Canada's Muslim leaders ended a four-day meeting in Ottawa this week with a denunciation of the bilateral peace treaty between Egypt and Israel and a pledge of a financial support for the Palestinians.

The meetings were attended by a number of Saudis, including delegations from the Muslim World League in Mecca and Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University, according to the Council of Muslim Communities of Canada Wednesday.

Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh of the League read a message of greetings from King Khaled. The council called the treaty "an act of defiance to the entire Muslim World and an offence to the dignity and honor of the Egyptian people".



BANKERS: Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi addressing the opening session of the Riyadh meeting of Gulf central bank governors Tuesday. The session, the governors' fourth, continued Wednesday with Qurashi in the chair.

Since April 28

Qasim wheat yield hits 2m kg.

QASIM, May 23 (SPA) — Grain storage facilities in this farming district have received a total of two million kilograms of wheat from local farmers since the start of the harvest on April 28, according to Regional Director of Grain Silos Abdullah Jafri.

The wheat is bought by the state Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization at four times the price of imported wheat to encourage farmers to bring land under cultivation and to increase output.

Jafri said that the state had so far paid out SR2 million to farmers at SR3.5 a kilogram.

The Qasim grain silo was set up on the Buraidah to Hail road to provide a stock capable of meeting demand for several months, he said.

Grain is delivered directly onto electrically controlled grain elevators after it has been sorted and cleaned, Jafri said.

In Jeddah, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water is to take over a 1,000 square meter site downtown for an ice factory to store fish, according to "Okaz". The ministry plans a number of ice plants along the Red Sea and Gulf coasts.

"Okaz" also reported that the ministry is studying a report on hiring a foreign company to supervise and maintain a large park to be laid out round the Jeddah water tower.

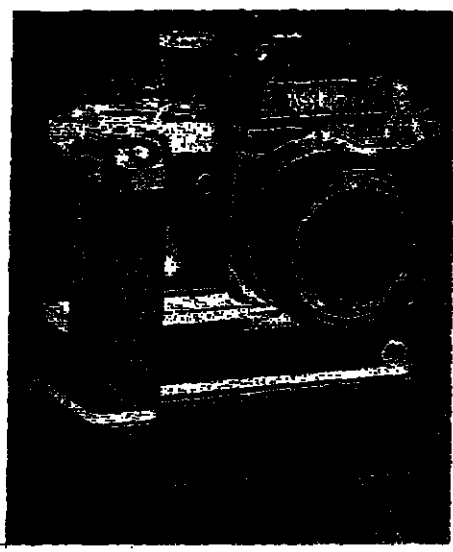
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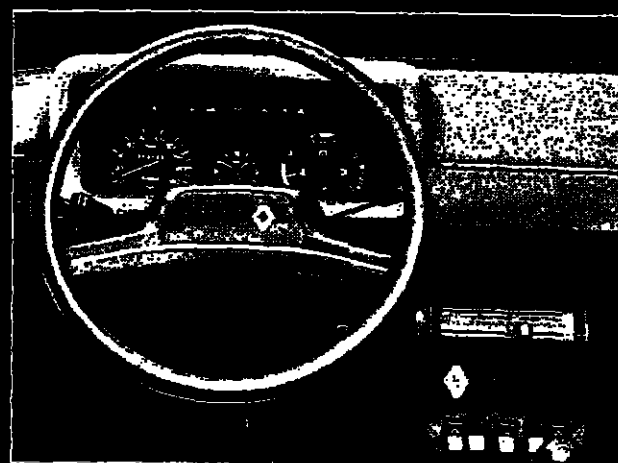
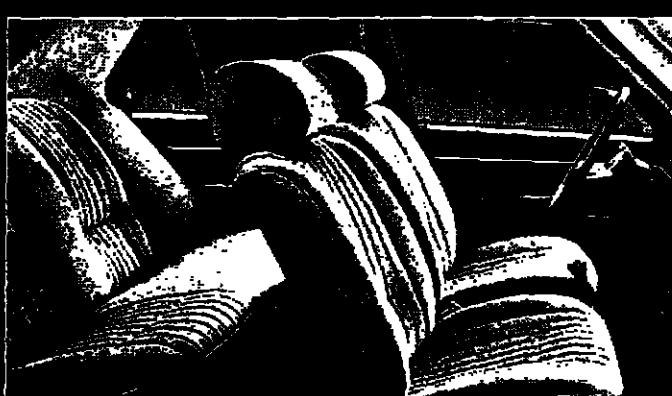
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20,000 Afghans reportedly in Pakistan to escape war

ISLAMABAD, May 23 (R) — Some 20,000 Afghan villagers have fled helicopter gunships and MiG fighters to flee across the mountains into Pakistan this month to escape fierce fighting, informed sources said Wednesday.

They stumbled over goat tracks and through desolate passes to swell the number of refugees who have entered Pakistan since an insurrection began a year ago aimed at toppling the pro-Communist regime in Kabul.

Pakistani officials told a visiting United Nations mission that the refugees now totalled 85,000 — a figure far larger than any previously suggested.

The mission, from the High Commission for Refugees, spent the last two days inspecting four refugee camps as a prelude to considering Pakistan's request for

financial help.

The sources said the mission found no evidence to support allegations that refugees might be undergoing some kind of training in the camps before being sent back to join the fighting or that insurgents were operating out of the camps.

The Afghan regime of President Nur Muhammad Taraki has accused Pakistan of allowing guerrilla training to take place on its territory, a charge that Pakistan has denied.

Pakistan charged Afghanistan with having shelled its territory on two occasions and having strafed a village.

Afghanistan alleged that Pakistani troops had crossed the disputed border and killed several of its soldiers.

The tone of the Afghan claims has become harsh recently. The

Kabul government has expressed solidarity with the Pathan and Baluch tribes which straddle the common border.

Soon after seizing power in a bloody coup in April last year, the new administration revived Afghan claims to large parts of Pakistan territory and continues to talk of historical commitments.

Pakistan is afraid that Afghanistan could stir up trouble in the sensitive tribal areas along the border.

Although Pakistan is considered to have won an earlier bout of fighting across the border in 1975, it is afraid any new fighting might eventually involve Afghanistan's powerful ally to the north, the Soviet Union.

Army ruler Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq said a few days ago that Pakistan wanted friendly and brotherly relations with Afghanistan and pointed to a number of trade talks between the two countries as evidence of its goodwill.

Earlier Wednesday the Soviet Union accused Pakistan of arming Afghan rebel forces on its territory in preparation for full-scale military action against the Kabul government.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said alarming reports coming in from the Afghan-Pakistan frontier area indicated that plans were being made to launch a new rebel attack across the border to complicate what it termed "the implementation of progressive transformations in the country."

The paper warned Islamabad that by letting the guerrillas operate from its territory, "Pakistan is being drawn into a risky gamble which may have disastrous consequences."

Moscow sends note to Arafat

BEIRUT, May 23 (R) — The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat Tuesday received an important message from Soviet leaders, the Palestine news agency Wafa reported. It gave no details about the message, which it said was delivered by the Soviet Ambassador in Beirut Alexander Solodov.

Libyan leader may give facilities to Soviet warships

TRIPOLI, May 23 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, accusing the United States of hostility toward his country, says he is considering whether to permit Soviet warships to be supplied from Libya's strategic Mediterranean ports.

In a wide-ranging interview with Reuters, Col. Qaddafi also charged that Egypt was planning to attack Libya.

He declared that Idi Amin, the ousted Ugandan president, had been in Libya since his overthrow last month but was now back in the north of the country preparing a guerrilla campaign against the Tanzanian-led forces which drove him from the seat of power.

And, in a surprising political statement, Qaddafi said he welcomed Britain's new Conservative government and hoped it would rebuild commercial links between the two countries.

The Libyan head of state said he had allowed no American or Soviet warships to dock in his country since he ordered the closure of U.S. bases shortly after coming to power in a bloodless coup 10 years ago.

But, he added, "the hostile policy of the United States may force



Muammar Qaddafi

us to permit the fleets of the Soviet Union to be supplied from Libyan ports."

Qaddafi said that Egypt, encouraged by Washington to sign a peace treaty with Israel, had the basic goal of attacking Libya.

"In these circumstances, to defend ourselves we must approach the Soviet Union more and more," he said. "This is not our desire, but we will be forced to do it."

As for Uganda, Qaddafi said that ex-President Amin was now "gathering his forces" in the north of the country after returning from visits to Libya and other friendly countries.

Shelling reported in the south

Sarkis begins new cabinet talks

BEIRUT, May 23 (R) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis has begun consultations with political leaders aimed at forming a new government to tackle the country's protracted political crisis.

Sarkis Tuesday met House Speaker Kamel Asaad in the first of an expected lengthy series of discussions with members of the 99-seat legislature.

The talks followed the resignation last week of Premier Salim Hoss and his cabinet of technicians in a move intended to hasten efforts to form a government representing all of Lebanon's factions.

But the president's reconciliation bid faces major obstacles, both in healing the four-year-old violent rift between rightists and leftists and in overcoming splits between leading rightists.

Meanwhile, official sources said that Palestinian-leftist strongholds in the eastern and central sectors of southern Lebanon came under fire from rightist militiamen at dawn Wednesday, but no casualties were reported.

The sources said the shelling of Hasbaya and Nabatiyah areas went on sporadically for about three hours, resulting in material damage.

In the meantime, three Israeli

Turkey to get U.S. \$50m aid

Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — The U.S. Senate voted 64-32 Tuesday to grant Turkey \$50 million in emergency military aid after hearing a bipartisan band of senators portray the Turkish economy as near collapse.

Senators opposed to the move said Turkey should not be rewarded for its invasion and continued occupation of parts of Cyprus.

But others said a revitalized Turkey is essential to maintain the southern flank of NATO and to protect vital American security interests in the Middle East.

"Our loyal ally is near the precipice," said Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd, who led the effort to override the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and convert the \$50 million aid fund from a loan to an outright grant.

Byrd said the Turkish economy already is overburdened with outside loans and cannot afford a loan under any circumstances.

He said the grant is desperately needed to permit Turkey to buy spare parts and reverse the obsolescence that has grounded at least half of its air force and destroyed the usefulness of much of its tank and artillery force.

The money originally was requested by U.S. President Jimmy Carter as part of an overall \$451 million aid package for Turkey.

"Those who see an opportunity to punish Turkey for its alleged

sins on Cyprus appear to have learned absolutely nothing from the failure of the U.S. embargo against Turkey," said Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia.

"Look at the map and see where Turkey is and ask yourself what is in the best interest of the United States?" Nunn said minutes before the Senate vote.

The Turkish aid fund is contained in the security assistance authorization bill for fiscal 1980 which finances a \$4.4 billion program of loans and grants for 60 countries around the world.

The overall military assistance authorization bill was later approved 69-21 and sent to the House for further action.

Before acting the Senate rejected, 49-43, an attempt by Senator Harry Byrd, independent of Virginia, to trim 2 per cent or \$56 million from the measure which funds the \$4.4 billion aid program with an actual \$2.8 billion budget outlay.

Qabous shuffles cabinet, creates new portfolios

KUWAIT, May 23 (Agencies) — Sultan Qabous of Oman reshuffled his cabinet Tuesday, creating several new portfolios and bringing in ten new ministers, Oman radio reported.

The radio, monitored here, said the reshuffle was part of a general reorganization of the administration ordered by Qabous.

A new post of deputy premier for security and defense affairs was created. It was given to Fahd Ben Taimour Al Saeed, an uncle of Qabous. The Sultan himself is prime minister.

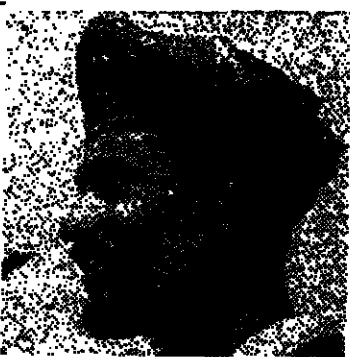
Fahd Ben Hemoud Al Saeed, another relative of the Sultan, was appointed deputy premier for legal affairs, also a new post.

Badr Ben Saud Ben Hareb was appointed interior minister. Abdul Aziz Al-Rawwas was made minister of information and youth.

Foreign Minister Qais Al-Zawawi retained his post in the new setup.

Said Ahmad Al-Shanfari's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum and Mineral Resources was split and he became the minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

Abdul-Hafiz Salem Rajab, former communications minister,



Sultan Qabous

was appointed minister of agriculture and fisheries.

Dr. Asim Al-Jamali was appointed to the new ministry of environment. His previous ministry of land affairs and municipalities went to Ahmad Al-Ghazali, who was education minister.

The former governor of Dhofar province, Yehya Mahfouz Al-Munziri, was appointed education minister.

Observers believe the changes came within measures by the sultan to consolidate his position.

Qabous was the only leader in the Gulf area to openly support Egyptian President Sadat's peacemaking with Israel.

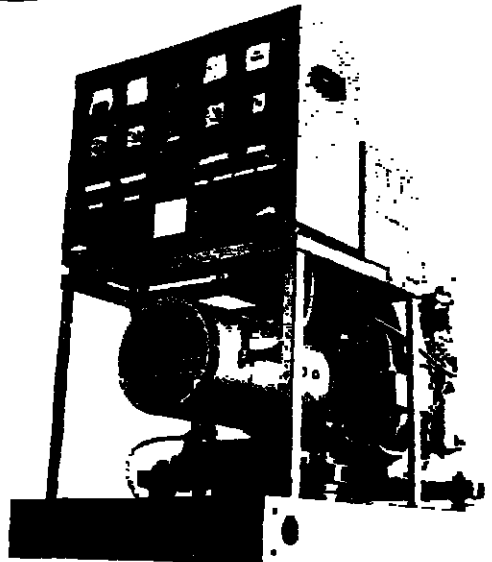
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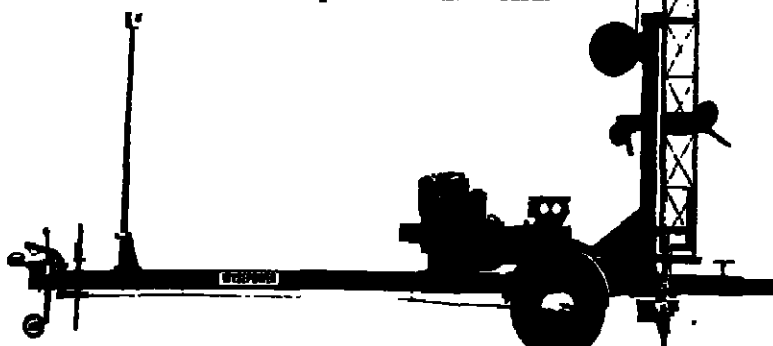
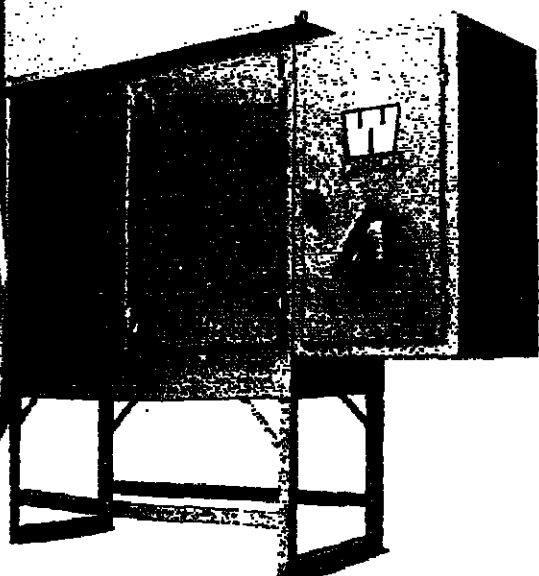
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U.N. likely to urge ban of Pretoria over Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, May 23 (R) — The U.N. General Assembly, which Wednesday opened a week-long session on Namibia (South-West Africa), was expected to call for sanctions against South Africa for failing to implement a U.N. independence plan for the territory.

African countries have been considering calling on the Security Council to expel South Africa from the world body but African sources said this had now been dropped from the resolution being prepared.

A final decision on sanctions will rest with the 15-nation Security Council on which the United States, Britain and France, all with important economic interests in South Africa, have veto powers. The council is likely to consider the assembly's recommendation in mid-June.

The session that started Wednesday

was a continuation of the regular, annual 13-week assembly which adjourned last December but met for two weeks in January to deal with unfinished business.

The further resumption, to deal solely with Namibia, was scheduled on the assumption that the assembly would now either have to approve financing for a plan calling for U.N.-supervised pre-independence elections in the territory or take action against South Africa for blocking its implementation.

South Africa accepted the main points of the plan more than a year ago, but maintains that it fails to provide for U.N. monitoring of guerrilla bases of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) in Angola and other neighboring African states.

It also complains that the plan would permit SWAPO to set up bases inside Namibia after the

declaration of a cease-fire in the territory.

South Africa organized elections last December for a constituent assembly in Namibia without U.N. supervision and without the participation of SWAPO. It argued that this was not inconsistent with the U.N. independence plan, once remaining problems had been resolved.

The constituent assembly was upgraded last week to a national assembly with legislative powers. This strengthened suspicions that Pretoria was planning its own "internal" solution and had abandoned the U.N. plan, drafted during two years of painstaking negotiations by the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany.

Ambassador Paul Lusaka of Zambia, as president of the U.N. Council for Namibia, was due to open Wednesday's debate.

The council was set up to administer the territory after the assembly voted in 1966 to terminate South Africa's old League of Nations mandate over the former German colony, but its members have never been able to enter Namibia.

Sam Nujoma, president of SWAPO, the main guerrilla group that has been battling South African rule over Namibia for the past dozen years, was also due to speak.

South Africa, already subject to a mandatory arms embargo imposed by the Security Council in November 1977, has not taken part in the work of the assembly since it was suspended in November 1974 because of its racial policies.

steamroller the bill through parliament and that its real intent was to gag the press.

Vause Raw, leader of the opposition New Republican Party, said in Tuesday's debate, "This bill displays a frightening attitude of the government to the fundamentals of basic democracy."

Prime Minister Pieter Botha's government maintains that the bill, already under attack from newspapers and lawyers, seeks only to set up machinery to expose corruption.

Opposition parties assail Pretoria press curbs bill

CAPE TOWN, May 23 (R) — South African opposition parties Tuesday strongly attacked government proposals to curb press reports on state corruption and maladministration.

A government bill proposing the appointment of an advocate-general to investigate allegations of misuse of state money would effectively prevent any reporting of suspected corruption without his permission.

Opposition leader Colin Eglin, head of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), told parliament the government clearly intended to



JUMBOS: Trunks sniff for fresh air at Frankfurt International Airport Saturday as 15 baby elephants arrive from South Africa. Most of the mini jumbos were to be transhipped to the United States.

Protesters rally in Chicago as McNamara given award

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP) — About 24 persons were arrested late Tuesday during a scuffle between police and about 1,500 demonstrators outside a University of Chicago building where former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara received an award, officials said.

Despite the protest, the university administration presented McNamara with the Albert Pick Jr. Award for "outstanding contributions to international understanding."

The fracas broke out after police arrested demonstration leader Ron Kovic, a Vietnam veteran who is paralyzed, police said.

Deputy police superintendent Thomas Lyons invoked the Mob Action Statute after one demonstrator hit him in the face with a blueberry pie. Lyons said he considered a sit-in called by Kovic on a South Side street a "breach of peace."

McNamara and several other

guests slipped into the rear entrance to the building, and avoided the protesters. He received the award and left without incident, officials said.

Several hours earlier, about 1,000 persons gathered on the university quadrangle to listen to speakers denounce McNamara for his role in the Vietnam war.

Kovic, who was invited to Chicago by the city's mayor, Jane Byrne, to participate in memorial day ceremonies, told the crowd McNamara represents "the worst of this country."

He said the delay was "deplorable" and resulted from a U.S. bureaucratic squabble over who would pay for the study.

The Bikini complaint was one of several made against the United States in its handling of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The complaints, on the second day of U.N. Trusteeship Council meetings, included charges that the U.S. administration failed to help develop sound economies or suitable social and education systems for the territory.

About 126,000 persons live on the larger of the 2,000 islands of Micronesia spread over 3 million square miles in the Pacific Ocean.

Weisgall said the transfer of Bikinians in 1946 to the island of Rongerik "was ill-conceived and nearly tragic." The islanders nearly starved on the inadequately provisioned island and were finally moved again to the island of Kili, which "caused unwarranted hardship," he said.

Weisgall said Kili was one-sixth the size of Bikini, had no lagoon for fishing and was isolated by heavy surf driven by trade winds from November to May.

France to freeze aid to Bokassa military pending investigation

PARIS, May 23 (R) — France is suspending military aid to the Central African Empire until results of an inquiry into an alleged massacre of children there are known, the cooperation ministry said Wednesday.

A ministry press statement said the aid would not be resumed until a commission comprising representatives of five African states, set up by the Franco-African summit which ended in the Rwanda capital of Kigali Tuesday, had made its report.

France has a mutual defense treaty with the Central African Empire, which occupies a strategically important position bordering Zaire and Chad.

The decision to withhold military aid and not other forms of assistance for the time being is consistent with France's reluctance to allow its stand against reported abuses of human rights in the empire cause unnecessary suffering to the population.

French aid accounts for about half the entire national budget of the country, one of the world's poorest, whose economy is close to collapse.

Meanwhile, Bokassa's exiled eldest son, Prince Georges, Wednesday joined a chorus of outrage over the reported massacre of children, saying his compatriots were fed up with father.

In an interview with the pro-Socialist French newspaper "Le-Matin," Georges said, "people are fed up with my father, they have had enough."

The 29-year-old prince said France could end his father's reign

any day.

"If the French government dropped him, it would be over for him," he said.

Georges has lived in exile in Paris since he was expelled with his wife and children from Bangui, capital of the empire, by his father last September.

At the time he said he had been sent away because his father felt he might interfere in the emperor's widespread commercial affairs.

Georges told "Le-Matin" that most of the emperor's 30 children, aged between five and 19, were living in Switzerland. One of his two brothers still living in Bangui had taken part in the demonstrations last month and had been detained.

He said he did not want to talk about the massacre because he did not want to play into the opposition's hands. But, he said, "there are people who saw what happened and who told me about it. There is no possible doubt."

Confirming an Amnesty International report, the Central African Empire's ambassador to France said here Tuesday that about 100 children had been killed by Bokassa's security guards in January and April.

Bokassa denied the accusation, saying riot victims earlier this year were "grown-up youths."

According to Georges, a popular revolt could topple his father. "He is finished. The atmosphere has changed over the last six months. Before, people were terrorized. Now they dare to speak out and demonstrate," he said.

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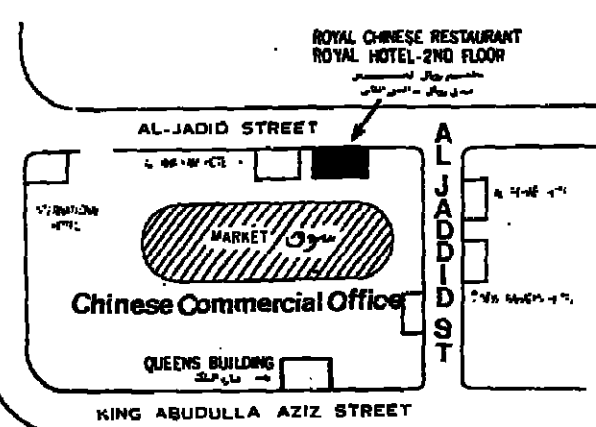
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Last-minute appeals

U.S. judges save killers from chair

STARKE, Fla. May 23 (Agencies) — The executions of condemned murderers John A. Spenkellink and Willie Jasper Darden Jr. were postponed by federal judges hours before both men were to die Wednesday.

Spenkellink's reprieve came only hours before his 7 a.m. execution in the electric chair.

He was granted stays by two judges, acting independently. U.S. Circuit Court Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of Atlanta ordered the execution postponed late Tuesday night, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall granted a stay early Wednesday morning.

Spenkellink's execution was postponed at least until the full Supreme Court — which has rejected his appeals four times before — could consider the case Thursday.

Darden won his temporary reprieve from U.S. District Judge William T. Hodges in Tampa, who ruled that Darden must be given time to appeal in the courts.

Justice Marshall acted after two other Supreme Court judges had refused to grant a stay and almost every avenue of appeal had been exhausted.

Spenkellink, who had been due to go to the chair in the Florida State Prison at Raiford, would have been the first American to be executed in two years.

His lawyers, supported by his mother and hundreds of anti-death penalty campaigners, had made last-minute efforts to find a Supreme Court judge prepared to stay the execution order. But by midnight their chances appeared bleak after two rejections.

Then they went to Justice Marshall who cited the fact that all nine members of the court would meet together within 36 hours

when Spenkellink's case will now be dealt with.

Justice Marshall said he felt it was appropriate to delay the execution until the entire court could act.

Under the court's rules, any justice may grant a stay until the full court assembles to consider the case.

At the prison, Spenkellink's mother made a tearful plea Tuesday for her 30-year-old son's life. Lois Spenkellink emerged from a four-hour visit with her son to beg Florida Gov. Bob Graham, who signed the death warrants Friday, to reconsider.

"He doesn't even know my son," said the ailing, white-haired woman. "How can he kill my son?"

Unrest in India's police spreads to six provinces

NEW DELHI, May 23 (AP) — Agitation by policemen demanding higher pay and other benefits has spread to six of India's 22 states, the United News of India reported Tuesday.

About 1,000 slogan-shouting police constables and officers marched through Ujjain and Gwalior, in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, to demand parity with the police of Punjab, where the first protests started earlier this month.

Madhya Pradesh police, among the lowest paid in India, earn an average of about \$21 monthly.

In Punjab, the state government moved to placate the rebels by announcing a 23 per cent increase, raising the monthly police wage there to \$53. But Punjab dissident leaders vowed to continue pressing for other demands including housing.

my only son ... Gov. Graham, I am calling upon you to issue a stay to save my son."

Spenkellink asked to see the governor or the attorney general. "It seems to me that if he is to judge me, he should know me," he said.

"I know who I am. I know the changes I've made since being here, and I want him to know who he is killing — the real person, not some idea he has in his head about me."

Death penalty opponents began arriving Tuesday morning to protest the execution. They were directed to a field across a highway several hundred yards from the prison, and separated by ropes from an area reserved for people

expected to demonstrate in favor of capital punishment. Apparently no one showed up.

About 400 inmates at Spenkellink's prison refused to eat breakfast Tuesday in protest against the planned executions. No violence was reported.

Among the protesters was former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who said it was "a tragic moment in American history, and a dangerous moment."

Clark Tuesday led an anti-death penalty protest in front of the office of the governor in Tallahassee, and eight ministers staged a prayer vigil outside the governor's office.

But a spokesman for the governor said many people had expressed their support for the execution.

Some 480 condemned prisoners are awaiting execution in the United States, where there has been controversy over the death penalty for years.

In 1976, the Supreme Court affirmed the legitimacy of the death penalty, saying it did not violate the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Spenkellink was convicted of the Feb. 4, 1973, shooting of a traveling companion, Ohio parole violator Joseph Syzankiewicz, who was killed in a Tallahassee motel room. He was captured several days later in California.

Darden was convicted by a jury of the Sept. 8, 1973, shooting of Lakeland, Florida, furniture store owner James Turman.

Florida last used its electric chair on May 12, 1964, when Emmett C. Blake was executed for the murder of a grocer and Sie Dawson for the murder of another man.



ORDEAL: Jeremy Thorpe arrives for the first day of his Old Bailey trial. Tuesday, Norman Scott told of the day he says he narrowly escaped death at the hands of a hired killer.

Vance at pains to avoid split with U.K. over Rhodesia plans

LONDON, May 23 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance wound up his first series of talks with Britain's new Conservative government Wednesday at pains to avoid an impression that the United States and Britain have fallen out over the new British initiative on Rhodesia.

Emerging with Foreign Secret-

ary Lord Carrington from the Foreign Office, Vance declared that the United States must also recognize that a "new reality" exists in the war-torn, breakaway British colony following the mid-April election of its first black-dominated government.

But Vance and officials accompanying him made it clear the United States has no plans to join Britain in sending an envoy to Salisbury, and that President Jimmy Carter will make an independent determination on the validity of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's new government.

The Senate has urged the Carter administration to recognize the new Rhodesian government, which is violently opposed by Communist-armed guerrillas.

Lord Carrington, who saw Vance after receiving what amounted to a warning from Commonwealth envoys not to recognize the Salisbury administration, declared: "...Our belief is that the election in Rhodesia has transformed the situation there."

Asked if the United States held a similar view, Vance replied, "There is a new reality and we must recognize there is a new reality. However, we still have to review the entire situation before the president makes his determination."

Pressed by reporters, Vance said he agreed with the British decision to send an envoy to Salisbury.

Lord Carrington, standing beside Vance on the steps of the Foreign Office, identified the envoy as Undersecretary Derek Day, 51, who will leave for Rhodesia next week.

It is the first time since the United States and Britain's Labor government announced a joint plan on Rhodesia that a senior British envoy has gone to Salisbury without a U.S. official.

The Anglo-American plan sought to bring Salisbury's black and white leaders and the guerrilla chiefs to agree on a cease-fire, the dispatch of a United Nations peacekeeping force, and an internationally acceptable power transfer from whites to blacks in which the guerrillas would have a key role.

Menten's arrest sought before new trial opens

THE HAGUE, May 23 (R) — A public prosecutor has asked for the arrest of multi-millionaire Pieter Menten, who was ordered by the Dutch Supreme Court Tuesday to face a second trial on war crimes charges, a Justice Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

The application was made by the chief public prosecutor in Rotterdam, where the new trial will take place. A date has not yet been fixed but the trial is expected to

Scott tells Thorpe trial of encounter with assassin

LONDON, May 23 (AP) — Norman Scott, the man ex-Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe is accused of plotting to murder, told Tuesday of the night he says a hired would-be assassin twice levelled a gun at him but didn't pull the trigger.

Scott told the jury at London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court the man killed his Great Dane dog "Rinka" but spared him and drove off shouting "I will get you."

He said it happened one windy night in October 1975 on a lonely road on Exmoor, a bleak expanse of heath in southwest England.

The prosecutor, alleges the man, British airline pilot Andrew Newton, was hired for £5,000 (\$10,000) to kill the 39-year-old ex-male model. It says Thorpe wanted him dead because he feared the temperamental Scott would make public information that could ruin the politician's career.

Scott said he and Newton had become acquainted and were driving in Newton's car to the village of Combe Martin with the dog on the back seat.

Newton said he was tired and stopped the car when Scott offered to drive. Scott told the jury he got out and walked round to the driver's seat. The dog was excited. He tried to grab his chain and Newton said "Oh no, this is it."

He shot the dog and when Scott shouted "Why?" said "It's your turn now." Newton, screaming and swearing, levelled the gun at him. Scott said he ran from the gunman but then ran back. "I thought he was going to kill me and I wanted to be with Rinka. I ran back and thought: If I am going to be killed I might as well die with her."

Scott said Newton, still swearing, again levelled the gun at him, then jumped into the car, slammed the door, shouted "I will get you" and drove off.

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"Their homes were built as havens of coolness"

How they beat the heat before air-conditioning

Cool homes and cool drinks

By Clare Kent
JEDDAH — It is difficult to imagine how people survived in very hot countries like Saudi Arabia without refrigeration and air-conditioning. But Arabs of the era before these modern inventions took over had ways and means of beating the heat. Not for them the furnace-like boxes of concrete, steel and glass. Their homes were built as havens of coolness.

Traditional Arab architecture had many ways of keeping the intense summer heat out and letting the cool breezes in. House walls were very thick. The houses themselves were usually built around a courtyard, which often had a fountain and shady trees. Floors might be made of cool flagstones or tiles, and ceilings were generally high. In some areas there were clever wind traps, or towers, on the roof, with ventilation shafts carrying the cool air through the house.

Air circulation was always the prime consideration. Windows would either be many small holes in the thick walls, or large and covered with louvred shutters or ornately-carved wooden screens. These were all ways of letting the air in, but keeping the sun out.

Between rooms were screened openings to create a through draught and the central courtyard, besides being a shady place to sit, allowed the hot air to escape upwards.

The flat roof was another cool spot. All the family would sleep on it in the summer. The roof tops then were roughly all the same height, so no one blocked off the cool night breezes from his neighbor. There might even be a small room on the roof with shuttered windows all round to provide a shaded, breezy day-time refuge from the heat of summer.

As well as pools and fountains in the courtyard, water played a

part in the cool scene about the house. It was sprinkled on the stone floors. Large earthenware jars of water stood by the windows to moisten and cool the incoming air. Damp mats hung by the wind traps on the roof.

But, what about the refreshing cold drinks and ices made available to modern man through refrigeration?

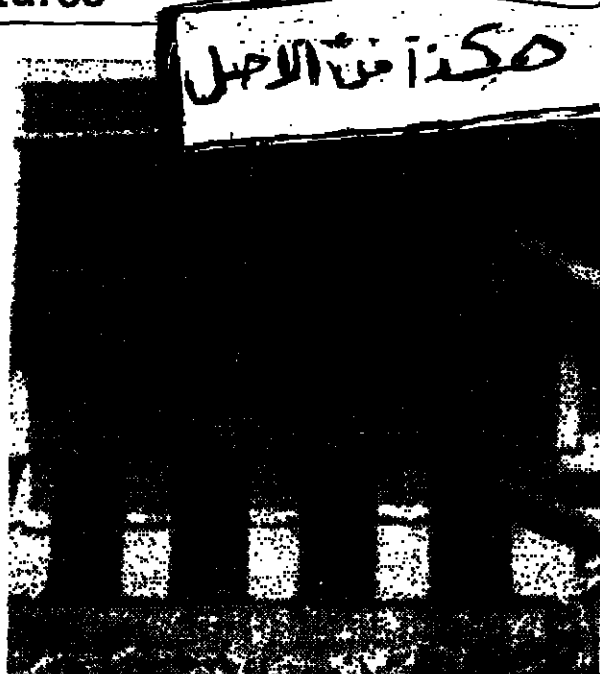
In fact, the Arabs were enjoying ice cream long before the Western world. They discovered it by adapting methods of storing ice developed in ancient China. The Crusaders later learnt the secret from the Arabs and took it back to the West.

The Arabs started a trade in ice and snow, importing it from the mountains of Lebanon. The ice was carried by camel and packed in salt to stop it melting on the way. Now it is moved by refrigerated trucks, thundering along the desert highroads.

The Egyptians, with no nearby

mountains, built special ships to bring in the ice cargos packed in salt and straw.

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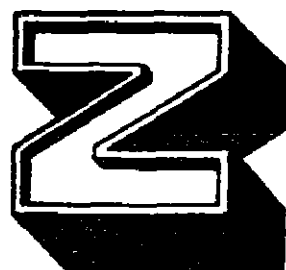
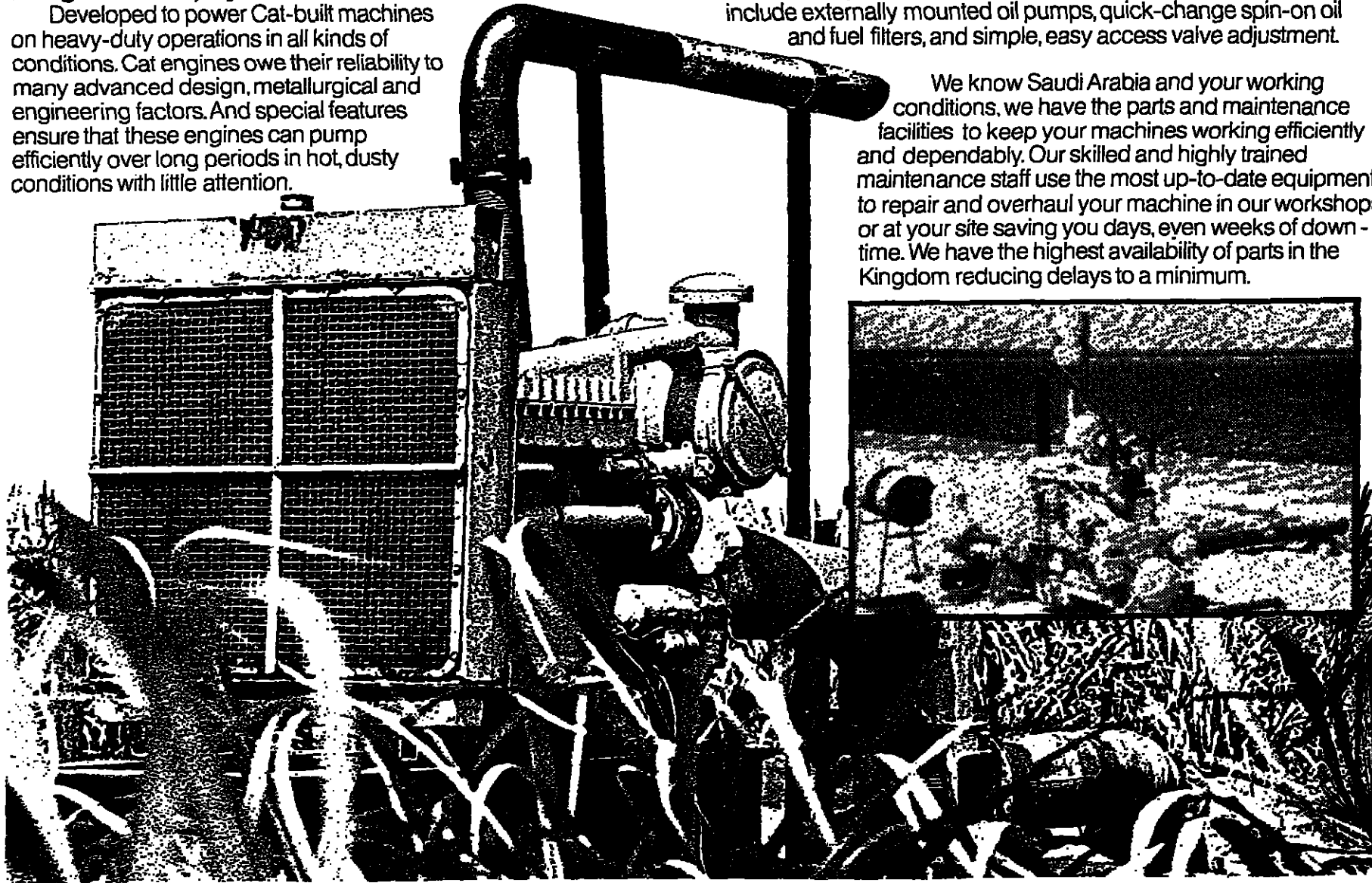
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Renewed interest in private education

Public funds to aid U.S. private schools?

By Anril Stevens

After years of decline, the proportion of American children attending private schools has begun to rise.

In 1977/8, figures show that 13 per cent of all children attended them. In 1976 the number had reached 9.7 per cent and 13 per cent in 1965.

With "renewed interest" in private education, as the deputy commissioner for non-public education, Ed d'Alessio, puts it, there is growing pressure for public money to be made available to help it. Public school protagonists fear that money will be sucked out of the public system.

D'Alessio's appointment to a newly-created post in the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare is a victory for the private school campaigners — a concession by the Carter administration to buy off a move to introduce tax credits for families paying fees at private schools and colleges.

Ninety per cent of the children attending private schools in the United States attend church schools. Under the constitution such schools cannot directly receive public money but as a result of pressure families whose children attend such schools have recently been made eligible for federal aid programs.

There is now a strong move to extend this principle of helping families by introducing a means-tested voucher which could be used at either public or private schools. An organization known as CHOICE is campaigning to get the voucher scheme onto the ballot papers in California in 1980 or 1982.

The private sector which generates this growing support has been changing in recent years.

Many Catholic schools have closed in recent years and they now make up 70 per cent of the private schools. New secular schools or Jewish and Evangelical Christian schools are filling the gap.

Many are elementary schools, many cater for minority ethnic groups and many are relatively cheap. The proportion of black

children in private schools is about half that in public schools but the proportion of other ethnic groups is roughly the same.

Around 10 per cent of families paying school fees have an annual income below the national average. School fees range from around \$ 650 a year to well over \$ 4,000 for the smartest east coast day schools.

Professor Donald Erickson, director of the Centre for Research on Private Education at San Francisco University, attributes the growing support for private schools to parents' resentment at growing government and legal interference in the local control of public schools.

"Many parents feel their neighborhood schools are not responsive to them any more."

"Egalitarianism has run rampant and people feel that this quest for making everyone equal is robbing us of our liberty; that it will make this a country where none of us have any choices any more."

Parents are also, he says, worried at indiscipline and violence in the public schools, but race is not, he says, a serious factor. "We find the private schools are often more integrated than the public schools in the areas from which the children come."

Chanoch Staudofsky, a director of the Council for American Private Education, one of the leading pressure groups, drew attention to an apparently growing wish among minority groups to retain cultural identity.

This cultural separatism is seen by Robert Alioto, superintendent of San Francisco's public schools, as a major threat to the American tradition of "bringing together different races in public schools in the United States."

Michael Fay, head of the Institute of Teacher Leadership in Los Angeles, is one of many commentators who sees attempts to integrate the schools as the main stimulus for private education, particularly in the Los Angeles area.

When a court-ordered busing program was introduced last September, 70 per cent of the children due to be bused from a junior high school in the highly desirable San

Fernando valley, left the school.

Many of them went to West Valley Neighborhood School, which was started from scratch in September in buildings rented from a summer camp. The school was started by a group of parents and now has 320 pupils aged 10 to 14. Fees are \$ 1,200 a year. The staff, almost all married women, are paid about half the going rate in the city's public schools.

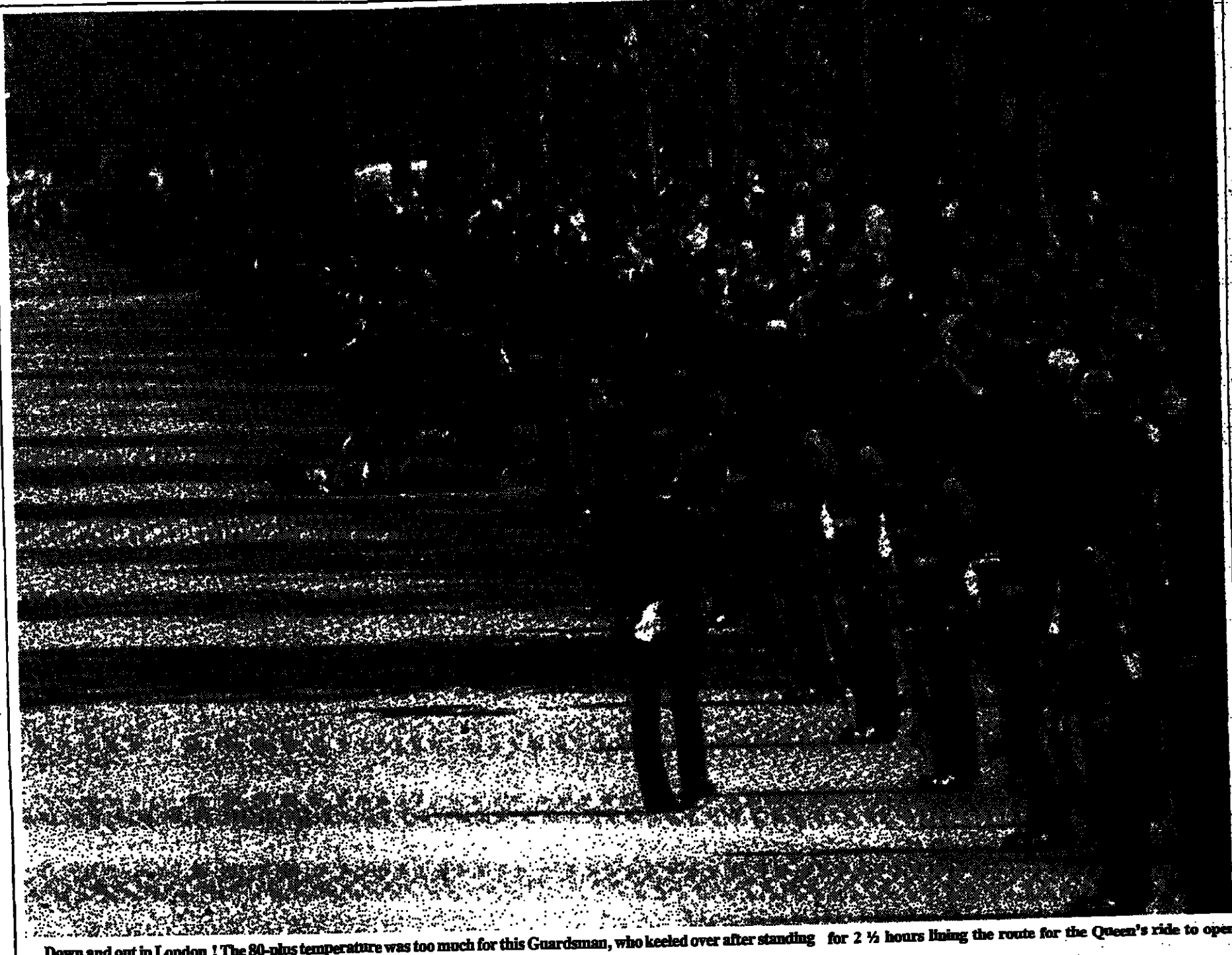
The head, Ted Obiart, agrees that busing provided the catalyst but firmly believes that he has converted most of the parents to the virtues of private education for its own sake. "They are not red-necks, they are really interested in education," he said, though he is aware that some of the parents "are delighted at the absence of minority faces."

Bridgemount High School, an Evangelical school of 165 15- to 18 year olds, is at present housed on the sixth floor of a San Francisco office building. It was started in 1965 "because of concern at deterioration in the public schools." Both cuts in education programs and "erosion of the moral climate" fuelled this concern.

Bridgemount offers students a curriculum which is very considerably narrower than that available in the city's public schools. There is strong concentration on basic English and maths and test results are well above average — though only average children or above are accepted in the first place.

The expense of providing secondary education to a standard which will achieve recognition for college entrance in the United States is high. Good specialist teachers are in short supply and private schools offer salaries which are not usually more than two thirds the current level in public schools. As a result 60 per cent of all private school pupils are in elementary schools.

The attraction of private elementary schools is illustrated by Live Oak School in San Francisco. In a city where any school of less than 300 is regarded as small and the largest elementary school has 1200 pupils, this slightly ramshackle, parent-run school with 50 children aged from 4½ to 11 seems comfortably personal. — (OFNS)



Down and out in London! The 90-plus temperature was too much for this Guardsman, who keeled over after standing for 2 1/2 hours lining the route for the Queen's ride to open Parliament nine days ago.

Collectives threaten Portugal's farms

By J. W. Murry

LISBON — In the north, a cheerful peasant woman walks her two cows twice a day to the cooperative milking parlor. In the south, a sunburned tractor driver sweats across the thousand arid hectares of a collective farm.

These are the two faces of Portugal five years after the April 25 revolution which brought a frail democracy, four years since failure of the Communists to create a Cuba on the Atlantic. But the Communist spectre remains,

largely because of their control of the trade unions and, particularly, of the collective farms.

Statistics in Latin countries are notoriously unreliable but there is virtual agreement that about a third of the active population works on the land. This is more than in any other country of the EEC, which Portugal has applied to join. (and even more than the other two application countries, Greece and Spain. Nearly half the small farmers and collective workers are illiterate. Many

are refugees from the lost African colonies of Angola and Mozambique.

The country is divided into two distinct farm economies by the river Tagus, which flows from the sierras of Spain into the Atlantic. North of that boundary is the "minifundia," the land of the tiny farms averaging around two hectares and two or three cows, gradually diminishing under the inheritance laws. In Portugal, unlike Mediterranean countries, girls inherit equally with boys but

often sell their share to their brothers.

Women do most of the work on these smallholdings. The husband works in local industry, if he is lucky enough to have a job in a country where unemployment is endemic. Portugal's unemployment figures are meaningless.

The overwhelming majority of school-leavers cannot find jobs and cannot be registered as unemployed or receive any dole until they have been in employment. Children who work on the family farm cannot register.

One nine-year-old boy on a three hectare, five-cow mini-farm told me that he hoped to become a student at Lisbon University. His mother, who runs a tiny cooperative milking parlor, said immediately: "That is impossible. He has to prepare to inherit the farm."

The Minister of Agriculture, Professor Vaz Portugal, says the only answer to the problem of the fragmented farm structure of the north is cooperation. The population here is conservative, both politically and agriculturally, but the cooperatives are beginning to win them over by results, however poor by European standards.

South of the Tagus the problem is very different. This is the "alentejo," the land of enormous estates of thousands of hectares, mainly wheat and cereals but with some cattle and pig herds, and the profitable cork-oaks. It is a sun-drenched arid area where the former estate owners, often companies or absentee proprietors, spent little on irrigation or other investment. The wages of the

workers were abysmally low.

In the first 18 months of the revolution, the land workers, led by the Communist-controlled trade unions, transformed 480 estates, one million hectares, one-fifth of the land of Portugal, into collectives. In typical Portuguese style, there was little violence; the estate owners were either not there to resist or, where there was resistance, the "occupying forces" just went away and tried the next farm.

Many owners had taken action in anticipation of collectivization by selling off farm machinery and slaughtering livestock, leaving the incoming occupiers with bankrupt and neglected holdings.

The trade union controlling the collectivization compounded the problems by insisting that each estate take on some of the local unemployed or workers who had previously been displaced by new machinery.

The result is that the collectives are hopelessly overmanned, as well as lacking management and technical experience. The workers have benefited because their wages have doubled, but they are literally eating the seed corn and in some cases stripping the cork-bark years in advance of ripening.

The agrarian reform, which has been a touchstone of Portuguese politics since Salazar, has notably failed. The present Government's attempt to return some proportion of the collectivised land to former owners is meeting with political and physical resistance and little agricultural success. (OFNS)

Hard up on fat pay packets

By Mark Murray

TOKYO — As Japan's annual ritual of Shunto, the spring labor offensive, reached its strike-strewn climax earlier this month, the big debate has been over whether Japanese workers are well paid by world standards.

The old image dies hard that this nation's trading success is built on a cheap, "rice bowl" economy at home. In fact, recent surveys show Japanese workers, in nominal terms at least, are among the highest paid in the world.

The bosses say this justifies severe restriction of wage increases this year, especially as many industries are still struggling to get their heads above water after a prolonged, bitter recession. The unions say the figures are misleading and that, in real terms, Japanese workers are still the poor cousins of the advanced, industrialized world.

Resolution of this row will go a long way to deciding how competitive Japan remains in world markets heading into the 1980s. The heated debate has been touched off by a slowdown in inflation and a drastic appreciation of the yen.

As a result, the Federation of Employers Associations says the per-hour wage for productive (as opposed to clerical) workers in the manufacturing industries in 1978 averaged \$5.93, compared to \$6.52 in the United States and \$6.73 in West Germany.

If the average wage for workers in all industries is considered, Japan emerges on top with \$6.80 per hour, against \$6.37 for the U.S. and some \$6.12 for West Germany.

Undoubtedly, the Japanese pay packet has swollen in recent years. The notion that "Japanese happy to work for a bowl of rice a day," if it was ever true, after the immediate

post-war years of hardship, has been destroyed by the 30 per cent plus increases management were willing to pay before and just after the 1973 Arab oil shock.

On the other hand, the standard of living has not kept pace. In terms of purchasing power, the Japanese pay packet is equivalent to only 40 per cent of that in the United States, 50 per cent of West Germany and 70 per cent of Britain.

Large mortgage repayments sap the household economy of much of its spending power (up to half net income). Even with half-yearly bonuses and welfare benefits added, real wages do not compare with overseas.

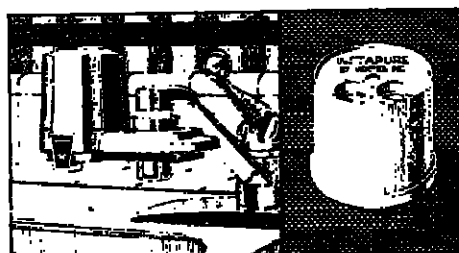
The unions are making the usual loud noises, but there is no real heart in their campaign. The big issue for them, in fact, is job preservation in the face of widespread moves to slash the work force in the interests of greater cost efficiency — (OFNS)



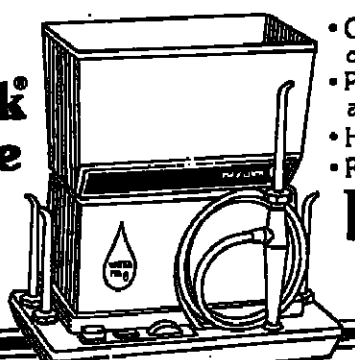
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Cruyff mellow, signs for L.A. for \$1m a year

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (R) — Dutch soccer star Johan Cruyff, who has resisted offers from half the world's clubs, will make his North American Soccer League debut with the Los Angeles Aztecs here Wednesday night after signing a long-term contract with the club Tuesday.

Cruyff, who spent five years with Spanish club Barcelona after playing for Ajax Amsterdam for nine years, refused to give details of his contract except to say "I am always highly paid."

But team officials said the contract would make him the highest-paid player in North America and added privately he could earn close to a million dollars a year because a percentage of gate receipts will make up part of his salary.

Cruyff flew in here from Amsterdam Tuesday and told a crowded press conference he had not played seriously since November.

He added he would play his first match Wednesday night against the Rochester Lancers, but he would have to work hard to get into shape.

Cruyff's decision to sign with Los Angeles renews his ties with his former coach, Rinus Michels, who joined the Aztecs earlier this year after coaching Ajax for six seasons and Barcelona for four.

Cruyff played two exhibition games with the New York Cosmos last year but said he decided to come to the West Coast because

he felt he could do more for soccer here. "Also, I like the beautiful weather you have here," he said with a smile.

The Aztecs, who have five wins and two losses, have been attracting only 5,000 to 10,000 spectators at their games this season. "I think we can build up the gate to 20,000 by the end of this season," Cruyff said.

In preparation for Wednesday night he was given an orange and red Aztec jersey with the figures "14" which will be his team number.

Michels told reporters: "Cruyff is a top — he is undoubtedly the Pele of Europe. Taking into consideration that he is 32, he is already in very good shape."

Cruyff's North American agent, Charles Taylor, said Cruyff will be the highest-paid player in North America whether or not he increases the gate attendance. "He is already a millionaire and he will be earning a lot more money here," he said.

Taylor said he had negotiated with the Cosmos for 18 months on the question of Cruyff joining them. He refused to say why the negotiations ended, but added: "Cruyff just loves to be on the West Coast and simply feels he could do more for soccer here."

Asked whether the contract could be ended at the end of each season, Taylor said: "Cruyff wants to play here so there is no reason why the contract should be ended."

Aztec Club President Larry Friend told reporters: "I am confident that with Cruyff, the Aztecs will be one of the powers of the North American football world for a long time to come. Los Angeles will now be the showcase for the top player of the world."

Cruyff did not play for the Netherlands in the World Cup finals in Argentina, but he was the hero of the Dutch side in the finals in West Germany.



INJURED STAR: New York Cosmos Franz Beckenbauer blocks a shot from the Atlanta Chiefs April 14 as goalie Erol Yasin looks anxiously on. Beckenbauer injured his right knee last Sunday and will be out of action for two months.

Beckenbauer out of action

Chinaglia hat-trick silences Tulsa

NEW YORK, May 23 (R) — New York Cosmos Italian striker Giorgio Chinaglia, who received an award on Sunday for his contribution to American soccer, celebrated by scoring two goals in his side's 3-1 win over the Tulsa Roughnecks.

He is the North American Soccer League's (NASL) leading scorer this season with 11 goals in 12 matches, and last season netted a record 34 goals. But despite that he is regularly booed by his home fans, who seem to enjoy taunting him because of his success.

Yugoslav midfielder Vladislav Bogicevic smiled when asked if the Cosmos were making a special

effort on Sunday to get the ball to Chinaglia. "We're always looking for Giorgio," he said.

"But it is true I wanted to give the ball to him a little more on Sunday because it was a special day — people expected him to score."

The Cosmos, aiming for its third consecutive NASL championship, has the best record in the League with eight wins to one defeat. But it had some bad news at the weekend when former West German international Franz Beckenbauer injured his right knee in practice. He missed Sunday's game and will be out of action for eight to 10 weeks. Wednesday he

was to have surgery for removal of a cartilage in the knee.

Three teams are close behind the Cosmos with seven victories to two defeats, and head their regional divisions — the Minnesota Kicks, Vancouver Whitecaps and Houston Hurricane. The Kicks lost 4-1 to Fort Lauderdale Strikers at the weekend, ending its seven-game winning streak.

Four Britons are Chinaglia's nearest rivals in the goal-scoring table. Alan Green of the Washington Diplomats has eight while Wayne Hughes of Tulsa, David Hughes of the Philadelphia Fury and Kevin Hector of Vancouver each have seven.

Argentina needs penalty kicks to defeat Dutch in cup reprise

BERNE, May 23 (R) — Argentina, 3-1 victor over Holland in the World Cup final last year, beat the Dutch again here Tuesday night but only after a 20-minute penalty competition. The two sides were deadlocked 0-0 after 90 minutes.

The re-run of the World Cup final, to celebrate the International Football Federation's (FIFA) 75th anniversary, produced soccer that dipped from a first half of brilliance to a second half of drudgery.

FIFA's insistence on a result brought on the protracted penalty competition which ended when goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol saved Jan Peters' kick to give Argentina an 8-7 win.

But the match will be remembered for a sizzling first half which rivalled the cut and thrust of last June's tumultuous match in the River Plate Stadium.

Solid Germans down Eire, 3-1 in friendly game

DUBLIN, May 23 (R) — A mistake by center-half Mick Martin set West Germany on its way to a 3-1 win over the Republic of Ireland in a friendly soccer international here Tuesday.

The game was drifting to a 1-1 draw when, ten minutes from time, Martin gave the ball away in midfield and West German substitute Walter Kelsch raced away to score.

Dieter Hoeneß made the game safe with a third goal a minute before the end.

While the Germans can be pleased with another competent, all-round display, the defeat was a bitter blow for Irish pride, coming only three days after their 1-0 European Championship defeat by Bulgaria in Sofia.

Ireland began well and took the lead in the 26th minute through Gerry Ryan — his first goal in international soccer. He beat Sepp Maier with a spectacular overhead kick.

But the Germans equalized within two minutes through the hard working Karl-Henz Rummenigge and gradually took control.

Both teams swept forward with breathtaking skill and control, and the Netherlands, with its better finishing, could have led 2-0 at halftime as it strove desperately for revenge.

Having squandered their first

half chances, the Dutch lost their way in the second half and as their effort faded so did the match.

The penalty competition produced the final disappointment for the Netherlands who had deserved at least a draw.

Scotland fails to impress with 1-0 win over N. Irish

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 23 (R) — Scotland beat Northern Ireland, 1-0, in the British International Championship here Tuesday night but again disappointed its supporters with another inept performance.

The Scots lost 3-0 to Wales on Saturday and it was not until the 75th minute Tuesday night that they managed their first goal of the competition, Arthur Graham scoring after Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings had beaten out Kenny Dalglish's shot.

Territorially, Scotland dominated the game but lacked the incisive finishing to win impressively. Graham alone among the

forwards looked a quality player and netted again in the 89th minute. The goal was disallowed because Joe Jordan had handled.

And even for Graham the night had a dreary end when he limped off injured in the dying seconds.

England and Wales, the top two teams in the championship, were to meet at Wembley Wednesday. Wales plays Northern Ireland, which now suffered two defeats, on Friday and the championship ends with the England-Scotland game on Saturday.

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Building costs for L.A. games jump five times

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (R) — Mayor Tom Bradley has asked for \$ 184.3 million in U.S. Government assistance to stage the 1984 summer Olympic Games, more than five times the original construction estimate, a member of his staff said Wednesday.

The money is needed to build an underground car park, to improve a sports arena and to provide better shooting, yachting and other facilities. Organizers had said earlier only \$ 33.5 million would be spent on construction.

Bradley has promised to stage a 'Spartan Olympic Games' and has promised city taxpayers they will not have to pay a penny in taxes.

But Woodward files suit

Indy organizers bow before storm; bumped cars to get 2nd chance

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 23 (AP) — The U.S. Auto Club agreed Tuesday to reopen qualifications for Sunday's Indianapolis 500 for 11 cars that were bumped from the starting lineup last weekend.

But the unprecedented change to requalify does not go for the car of Wayne Woodward, who filed suit earlier in the day to stop the \$ 1 million race if his car is not re-instated. Woodward's car, driven by rookie Dick Ferguson, was removed after qualifying during allegations of cheating on power restrictions imposed by USAC to keep speeds down.

Anyone making the field in the special period, to be held Thursday, will join the usual 33-car lineup.

USAC President Dick King said

the proposal, a compromise to the mounting clamor over attempts to override the power restrictions and USAC's reaction, depended on the agreement of all the 33 cars already in the field.

To qualify in the special session, a car would have to equal the slowest speed in the field — 183.908 mph set by veteran Roger McCluskey.

Americans show new cricket flair

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 23 (R) — The United States showed unexpected prowess as a cricketing country when it won its opening of the World Cup qualifying competition here Tuesday. The Americans beat Israel by 41 runs.

Lindsey Hopkins, who owns the car that Johnny Parsons qualified on for the third row, said he would agree to the proposal. "I think it's a temperate, wise decision," he said.

King said the action was taken because the 11 cars involved qualified before a USAC bulletin issued before the final day of time trials "suggested" that intake exhaust pipes have a minimum inside diameter of 1.47 inches.

The Bumped drivers said that amounted to legalizing attempts to override the power restrictions and put them at a disadvantage.

The Standard size of the exhaust pipes is about 2.5 inches. By allowing a smaller opening, the wastegate valve affecting turbocharger boost overloads and forces more air pressure back into the engine. That can increase horsepower and speeds.

The special qualifying session, will be open to the cars originally qualified by Steve Krisloff, Spike Gehlhausen, John Martin, Bill Vukovich, Dana Carter, Jerry Karl, Al Loquasto, Tom Bigelow, Joe Saldana, John Mahler and Larry Cannon.

Krisloff, Gehlhausen, Bigelow, Saldana and Mahler qualified in other cars after they were bumped.

King said each car would be given one qualifying attempt in an order to be determined at a drawing Wednesday. "All qualification runs will be final and conclusive," he said.



ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS: Former President Richard Nixon, an avid Angels' fan, waves to the crowd at Anaheim Stadium during the seventh-inning stretch in the game between California and the Chicago White Sox Friday night. The Angels went on to win, 7-3.

Red Sox shatter first-place Orioles, 7-5

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — The Boston Red Sox exploded for seven runs in the second inning, topped by Fred Lynn's three-run homer, to down the Baltimore Orioles, 7-5, Tuesday night and tighten the American League East baseball race.

Lynn's 14th homer — top in the

AL — sent Mike Flanagan, 6-3, to the showers as the Orioles lost for only the sixth time in their last 29 games. The victory drew Boston within half game of first-place Baltimore.

In Detroit, the New York Yankees bombed Mark Fidrych, 0-3, and reliever Sheldon Bussard for

eight runs in the third inning, increased their lead to 12-0, then survived a Tiger rally to down Detroit 12-8. Luis Tiant got his first victory as a Yankee.

Andre Thornton's grand-slam homer boosted Cleveland over the Toronto Blue Jays, 8-6, and Jorge Orta's two-run homer in the

eighth inning lifted the Chicago White Sox to a 5-4 victory over Oakland.

A two-run single by Paul Molitor sparked Milwaukee's five-run fifth inning as the Brewers downed California, 7-1, while Buddy Bell's first home run of the year in the bottom of the eighth pushed Texas past the Minnesota Twins, 4-3.

Julio Cruz tripled and scored in the 12th inning to give Seattle a 12-11 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Bruce Bochte hit a home run, a triple and two singles, driving in six runs for the Mariners.

In the National League, right-hander Joe Niekro hurled his 100th career victory with a six-hitter as Houston stopped the Atlanta Braves, while Montreal, sparked by Tony Perez' bases-loaded double, downed the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-3.

Greg Luzinski's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth carried the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-1 victory over St. Louis while the New York Mets defeated the Chicago Cubs as Richie Hebner drove in three runs and Kevin Kobel and Dale Murray combined to hurl a six-hitter.

Surprises, too, in Rome

Stoll continues upset spree in Berlin

BERLIN, May 23 (AP) — Unseeded Caroline Stoll of the United States scored the first major surprise in the \$ 100,000 German women's tennis championships Tuesday as she upended top-seeded Australian Wendy Turnbull 2-6, 6-0, 7-5 in a first round match.

Stoll, 18, who reached the finals of the \$ 75,000 Vienna event last week, dropped the first set without a struggle as Turnbull continually cut off her high bouncing shots and followed them to the net for easy volley winners.

In the second set, Stoll began to hit the lines with deep ground strokes and only committed two

unforced errors in winning the set. Turnbull appeared to be on her way to living up to her seeding in the final set as the 26-year-old Australian moved to a 4-2 and one service break lead.

But Stoll held for 3-4 and then capitalized on poor shot selection to break serve and even the set at 4-4.

Turnbull, deciding to play aggressively by coming to the net behind her service return, broke for 5-4 with the loss of only one point. Serving for the match in the next game, Turnbull stood two points away from victory when the score reached 30-all.

She then hit an uncharacteristic double fault and on the net point let Stoll back in the 'batch when she hit a drop shot into the back of the net for 5-5.

Stoll fell behind love-30 on her serve in the following game but after steadying herself took the next four points. Serving to put the match into a 12-point tiebreaker, Turnbull quickly slipped to a love-40 deficit before rallying for the next two points.

In the Rome Open Tuesday, Tim Gullikson became the fourth seeded American to be eliminated. He lost his second round match to fellow countryman Gene

Mayer, 6-4, 6-2. Gullikson was 10th seeded.

Second-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States made it into the third round when his compatriot Tim Wilkison withdrew halfway through the second set with a pulled shoulder muscle.

Gerulaitis, winner here in 1977, was comfortably leading 6-2. As the tournament moved to mid-week, the Rome crowd showed signs of surprising good behavior.

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L.A. may join OPEC suit

Carter facing House rap on oil decontrol decision

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter faced further political embarrassment Wednesday as Congress prepared to vote on his plans to phase out price controls on domestic oil.

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill conceded that Democratic congressmen would approve by a large margin a resolution withholding money to implement the lifting of controls.

The president wants to lift price controls in June to encourage domestic production and lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil, a key part of his energy plan.

This further hurdle for Carter's energy policy comes less than two weeks after the House firmly rejected the president's standby

plan to ration gasoline in an emergency.

A vote Tuesday on a procedural issue clearly showed the House Democrats' desire for price controls to continue until October next year. They rejected a measure to prevent a vote on the continuation of controls by 153 votes to 82.

But unless both houses of Congress pass legislation against lifting controls, the president's decision to allow oil prices to rise will come into effect. The Senate at least is not expected to do so.

Presidential Press secretary Jody Powell expressed the sharp reaction of the White House to Tuesday's vote.

"Any thoughts that such votes will change the president's policy are completely misdirected," he

said, adding, "The time for ducking the tough issues is past."

Meanwhile, in an unrelated development affecting oil the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to begin negotiations that could lead to the city joining a one billion dollar price-fixing suit against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The council ordered City Attorney Burt Pines to work out details of the suit with attorneys for the 900,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which filed the antitrust action last December in Los Angeles Federal Court.

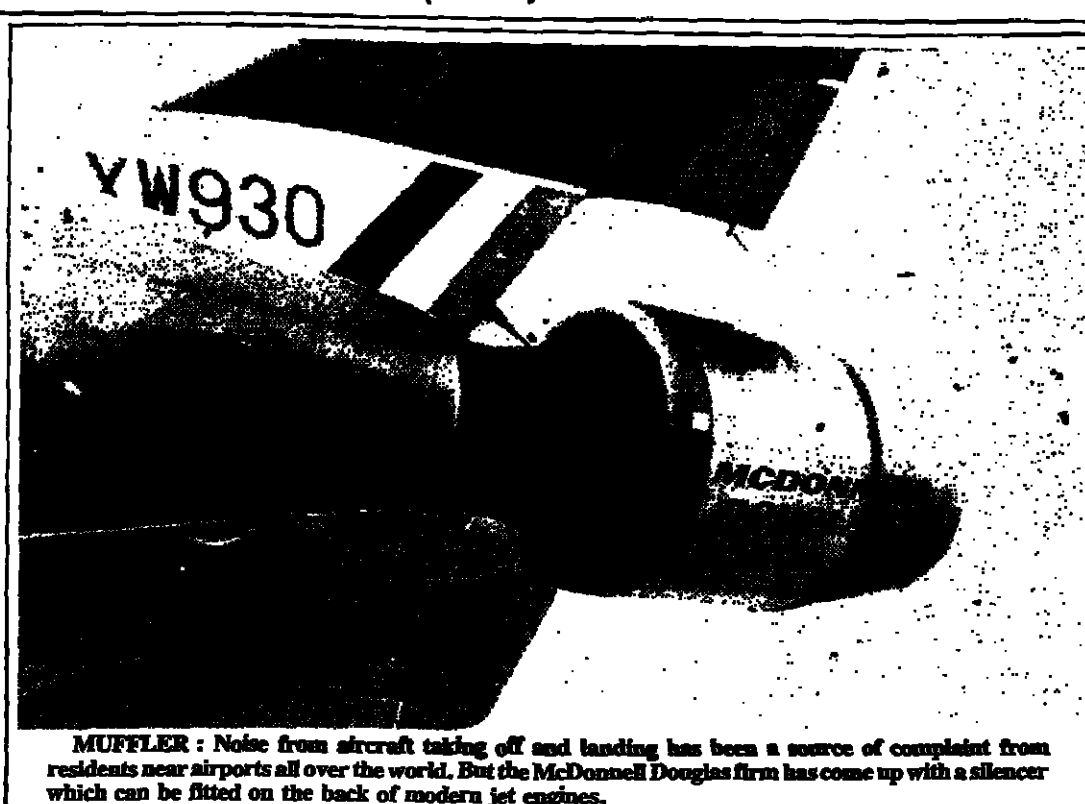
The U.S. cities of Cleveland, Ohio, and New Haven, Conn. already have become co-plaintiffs in the case.

In a related action, the county Board of Supervisors urged President Carter to "explore potential economic sanctions against Iran or any oil-producing country that is holding this country hostage."

The suit against OPEC is complex because it involves foreign nations and companies. But the suit claims they are liable under United States laws because their commercial enterprises affect the U.S. economy.

With Los Angeles and the municipally-owned Department of Water and Power (DWP) as parties to the suit, the amount of possible damages is doubled.

Greg Nelson, a spokesman for City Councilman Joel Wachs, said damages sought by the city and the DWP could amount to half a billion dollars and could mean refunds of up to \$1,000 each for "DWP customers."



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Paris possible site

UNCTAD may hold oil meeting

MANILA, May 23 (R) — Venezuela and Iraq Wednesday rejected a suggestion that oil prices be discussed at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Manila.

But they supported the idea of holding another UNCTAD meeting at a later date to discuss the problem.

After the question had been raised in backstage discussions again Wednesday, the Iraqi delegation issued a statement saying it was "not proper and even dangerous to the cause of developing countries" to discuss oil prices here.

Venezuelan Chief Delegate Dr. Manuel Perez Guerrero had said earlier on television that his coun-

try and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) did not believe the UNCTAD meeting was the right forum to discuss the effects of oil price rises on developing nations.

Sources said Iraq would not be opposed to discussing oil prices in conjunction with other commodity prices at a separate conference later this year. One suggestion was that such a meeting be held in Paris, the sources added.

They said Iraq supported Venezuela's view that the subject was divisive to the Third World at the present UNCTAD meeting which is trying to obtain trade concessions from the rich industrialized

nations.

But Iraq did not necessarily agree with Perez Guerrero's view that the issue of oil prices should be discussed only between the oil-producing countries and the developing non-producing nations excluding the industrialized world, the sources said.

New Uganda regime cites improvements in foreign reserves

KAMPALA, Uganda May 23 (AP) President Yusufu Lule said Tuesday Uganda's foreign reserves have increased to \$14 million from \$286,000 when his provisional government took over from deposed leader Idi Amin five weeks ago.

Lule said that as a result of steps to halt the drain of foreign exchange, "the value of our currency is already starting to climb."

The government has set an official rate of seven shillings to the U.S. dollar and has virtually halted private foreign exchange transactions at banks. On the black market, the shilling has recovered from 120 to one dollar to about 40 to a dollar.

Lule spoke to the first public session of the National Consultative Council, which has been meeting privately for two weeks. The council, soon to be expanded, is to act as a temporary legislature until elections, promised in about two years.

Lule said Uganda's money supply had soared to more than \$1.1 billion under Amin.

"At these levels, the foreign reserves, which in a healthy and properly managed economy should be in the range of 40 to 60 per cent of the money supply, stood at a mere one-fortieth of

one per cent of the money supply," Lule said.

"Inflation had been escalating at an average annual rate of approximately 200 per cent, or well over 1,000 per cent over the eight-year period" of Amin's rule, he said.

He said Amin's government had no idea how to manage the economy, once among Africa's richest, and carried out deficit financing by merely printing more money.

Blumenthal says grand plan won't whip inflation

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal said Tuesday the administration of President Jimmy Carter has no "blockbuster theory" for whipping inflation, and guessed that Congress probably wouldn't go along even if such a plan were offered.

"A blockbuster may be good psychologically," Blumenthal told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on international economic policy. "But the fundamental problems of the U.S. economy lie in its long-run policies. You can't solve those with blockbusters."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.41	3.41
Pound Sterling	6.99	7.00	6.98
Deutsche Mark (100)	177.00	178.00	177.75
Swiss F (100)	196.00	197.00	196.30
Italian Lira (1000)	76.00	77.00	76.75
Lebanese Lira (100)	4.00	4.02	3.99
Syrian Lira (100)	—	105.25	104.65
Egyptian Pound	—	77.00	87.50
Jordanian Dinar	—	4.65	4.60
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	12.20	12.20
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	11.13	11.10
Bahraini Dinar	—	87.50	88.70
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	91.00	90.55
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.89	8.87
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	74.75	74.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	77.00	87.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Gold kg	—	—	34.55
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Japanese yen (100)	1.55	1.000	—
Canadian dollar	2.94	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.10	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.62	—	—

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Municipality of Medina	Securing of insecticides	100	—	June 16
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of five wells in the Central Province	19/1	500	June 2
Municipality of Yanbu	Supplying of drinking water from the rural areas of Yanbu Al-Nakhil	99/1400	1000	June 16
Directorate General of Health Affairs, Eastern Province	Operating and maintaining of power generating units	50	—	June 12
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supply of 32 ordinary ambulances, 10 instrument-equipped ambulances, 5 small pickups, 2 winches, 2 large pickups, 2 Jeeps and 3 small cars	50	—	June 10
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of wells in Wadi Al-Dawasser	18/1	100	May 27

Volume heavy

Dow up 2.94 in New York trading

NEW YORK, May 23 — After opening in negative territory Tuesday, the market turned around in late afternoon trading to close in positive territory. At the close the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 2.94, transports rose 1.95, and utilities fell .64. Breadth was on the positive side as

gainers outnumbered losers by 305 issues. Volume of trading for the day was 30.3 million shares. The American Exchange Index closed up .57 to 181.75.

Among the most active, Caesars World lost 3 1/2 to 66, Hilton gained 2 3/4 to 31 1/4, Ballyrose 1 1/4 to 75 1/4, and Amerasia Hess added 1 1/4 to 37.

Growth and glamour advanced with Easter Lake up 1 1/4 to 42 1/4, IBM up 1 1/4 to 309 1/4, MMM gained 1 to 56 1/4, Nat'l Semi up 1/2 to 23 1/4, and Texas Inst. gained 2 1/4 to 85 1/4.

Energy issues turned in a positive performance with Standard of Ohio up 1 1/4 to 53 1/4, Phillips rose

1 1/4 to 37, Standard of Ind. up 1 to 62 1/4, Halliburton up 1 1/4 to 66 1/4, and Schlumberger gained 1 1/4 to 70 1/4.

Basic industry issues were mixed with DuPont off 1/4 to 134 1/4, Kimberly Clark rose 1/4 to 47 1/4, St. Regis gained 1/4 to 30 1/4, and Financial Petroleum up 2 to 37 1/4.

Among the auto and machinery issues GM up 1/4 to 50, Chrysler gained 1/4 to 56 1/4, and Joy Mfg. rose 1/4 to 31 1/4.

Aerospace issues lost ground as airlines and rails gained with Delta up 1/4 to 41 1/4, UAL rose 1/4 to 26 1/4, Burlington Northern added 1/4 to 48, and Union Pacific up 1/4 to 66 1/4.

Electrical equipment and metals were mixed with GE up 1/4 to 50 1/4, Alcoa advanced 1 1/4 to 54 1/4, Reynolds lost 1/4 to 35, and Nucor fell 1/4 to 24.

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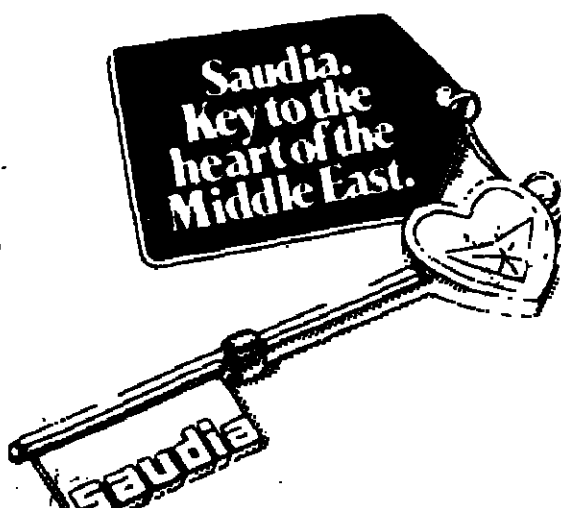
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GENEVA, May 23 (R)—Twenty leading trade unionists from six east Mediterranean countries will meet at a conference called by the International Metalworkers' Federation in Valletta, Malta, from May 28 to 30, the federation said Tuesday. Delegates from Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Lebanon, Malta and Turkey will discuss the economic and political situation in the region, and trade union work in individual countries. They will represent unions affiliated to the federation, which groups about 12.5 million workers in labor organizations in 68 countries.

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WEST: ♠ Q865, ♥ AK954, ♦ Q9862, ♣ AKJ103

SOUTH: ♠ K1097, ♥ 83, ♦ 74, ♣ AKQ1083

The bidding: East 1♥, South 2♥, West 3♥, North 4♥. Pass.

Opening lead - six of hearts.

Let's assume you get to five diamonds on the bidding shown and West leads a heart. East who with the king and returns the four of spades. Should you play the jack or the king from your hand?

Of course, anyone seeing all four hands could argue strenuously that the king is the right play - and it would be hard to refute that contention. However, in real life, where you see only the North-South cards, you have quite a problem deciding whether to

play the jack or the king of spades. How do you solve problems of this type? To begin with, you start by theorizing that it makes no difference at all which card you play if West has the A-Q (or even if East has the A-Q). The only two cases that matter are those where West has the ace and East the queen, and those where West has the queen and East the ace. In both these cases, your decision is crucial. Making the right choice is not a matter of luck. You should play the king. Why? Because you can't make the contract unless the club finesse succeeds, and once you assume that West has the king of clubs it follows that East has the ace of spades. This is because East would not have the value for an opening bid without the ace of spades. The principle that applies here occurs in many deals. As a declarer, you must sometimes make an assumption that a particular defender has a particular card - because to assume otherwise would mean giving up the contract without trying to make it. Your assumption that West has the king of clubs may turn out to be wrong, but if proceeding on that assumption offers the only chance for the contract, you are simply playing bridge the way it should be played.

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Mecca	4:18	5:45	12:23	3:39	6:57	8:27
Medina	4:09	5:31	12:24	3:48	7:03	8:33
Nejd	3:43	5:12	11:56	3:19	6:34	8:04

DHAHRAN TV

Time	Program	Channel
3:00	Childrens Show	Electric Co. 455
3:49	PBA Bowling	AMF Magiscore Open
4:53	The Superstars	World Frisbee Championship
5:18	The Munsters	Knock Wood, Here Comes Charlie
5:43	Bonanza	Burning Skies
6:29	Get Smart	All in the Mind
6:53	James at 15	Champions
7:41	Safety Film	Beware the Children
7:50	Mash	Major Topper
8:14	Tales of the Unexpected	Devil Pack
9:02	Command Performance	Mary Queen of Scots

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours: Moderate weather over the northwestern and western regions, while surface winds will blow northwesterly at moderate speed. The central, eastern and northeastern regions will fall under the impact of hot weather, as surface winds blow southerly at moderate to active speed. Thick patches of clouds over the western and southwestern highlands will offer chances of a rainfall and occasional thunderstorms. Sea conditions will be light to moderate in the territorial waters.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Location	Max	Min	Location	Max	Min
Mecca	37	27	Tabuk	30	16
Jeddah	34	27	Al-Jauf	30	16
Riyadh	44	28	Turaif	28	14
Dhahran	42	27	Arar	33	20
Medina	39	30	Sulayil	42	26
Taif	31	20	Abha	27	14

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Time	Program	Time	Program
1:00	Opening	10:00	Opening
1:01	The Holy Quran	10:01	The Holy Quran
1:05	Gems of Guidance	10:05	Message to the Faithful
1:10	This Week's Landmark	10:10	Light Music
1:20	Top of the Pops	10:15	NEWS
1:50	Classical Music	10:25	S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20	On Islam	10:30	Music Worldwide
2:30	Jazz Music	11:00	Youth Welfare
3:00	NEWS	11:10	Music
3:10	Press Review	11:15	The Evening Show
3:20	Islam - The Divine Truth	11:45	World of Guitar
3:30	Leaps & Bounds	12:00	Imp., Com. & Recollections
3:40	MUSIC	12:10	MUSIC
3:50	Close Down	12:15	Nashville
		12:45	A Rendezvous with Dreams
		01:00	Close Down

VOA

Time	Program	Time	Program
8:00	News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses	10:05	Opinion: Analyses: News Summary
8:30	Dateline	10:30	VOC Magazine: American, Science, Cultural; Letter
9:00	News Summary: Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	11:00	Cultural; Letter: Special English; News
9:30	Music USA: (Standards)	11:30	Music USA: (Jazz)
10:00	News Roundup: Reports: Actualities		

BBC

Time	Program	Time	Program
8:00	World News	4:30	The Pleasure's Yours
8:09	*Twenty-Four Hours	5:15	Report on Religion
8:30	*Sarah Ward	6:00	Radio Newsreel
8:45	World Today	6:15	*Outlook
9:00	Newsdesk	7:00	World News
9:30	*Opera Star	7:09	Commentary
10:00	World News	7:15	*Sherlock Holmes
10:09	*Twenty-Four Hours	7:45	World Today
10:30	*Sarah Ward	8:00	World News
10:45	*Something to Show You	8:09	*Books and Writers
11:00	World News	8:30	*Take One
11:09	FRellections	8:45	Sports Round-up
11:15	Piano Style	9:00	World News
11:30	Brain of Britain 1978	9:09	News about Britain
12:00	World News	9:15	Radio Newsreel
12:09	British Review	9:30	Farming World
12:15	World Today	10:00	Outlook News Summary
12:30	Financial News	10:39	Stock Market Report
12:40	Look Ahead	10:43	Look Ahead
12:45	The Tony Myatt Request Show	10:45	Ulster in Focus
1:15	Ulster in Focus	11:00	World News
1:30	Discovery	11:09	*Twenty-Four Hours: news Summary
2:00	World News	11:30	The Pleasure's Yours
2:09	News about Britain	11:30	Midnight Transmission
2:15	Alphabet of Musical Curios	12:15	Talkabout
2:30	Sports International	12:45	Nature
2:40	Radio Newsreel		
3:15	Promenade Concert	1:00	World News
3:45	Sports Round-up	1:09	World Today
4:00	World News	1:25	Financial News
4:09	*Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	1:35	Book Choice
		1:40	Reflections
		1:45	Sports Round-up
		2:00	World News
		2:09	Commentary
		2:15	The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Monetary affairs have a way of turning suddenly now. Previously overlooked factors come to light. Be cautious with cash flow.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Pressure at work could affect your disposition. Avoid temperamental outbursts with close allies. Scrutinize financial proposals.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You may not be in the mood for talking. Others' efforts to sound out your feelings could cause a negative response on your part.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
A planned outing may have to be changed. A friend may seem evasive. A confusing note marks a work project. Avoid daydreaming.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Unexpected developments re partnerships and domestic affairs may conflict with career interests. Avoid mixing business with pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
A new idea of yours produces an unexpected reaction from others. A domestic problem may interfere with travel plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Business irregularities are likely now. Unexpected developments affect financial dealings. Not an auspicious time for signing papers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Try to avoid misunderstandings with partners or close allies, especially about money or children. Inter-tensions could surface unexpectedly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Friends or co-workers could cause problems now. Up-setting developments interfere with work efficiency. Protect health and nerves.

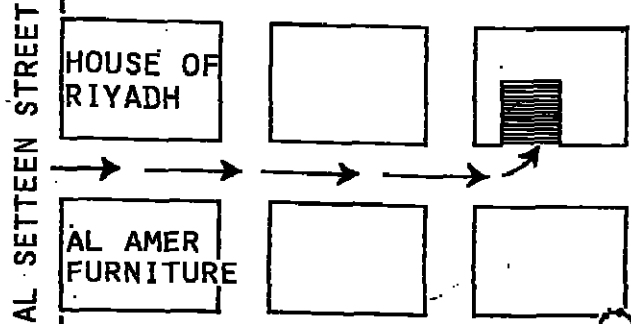
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Uttermost motives mark business dealings. If social plans have to be changed, accept the fact. Don't try to read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
A family member may not accept your advice. A friend may keep you waiting and in a state of uncertainty. Unexpected events likely.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
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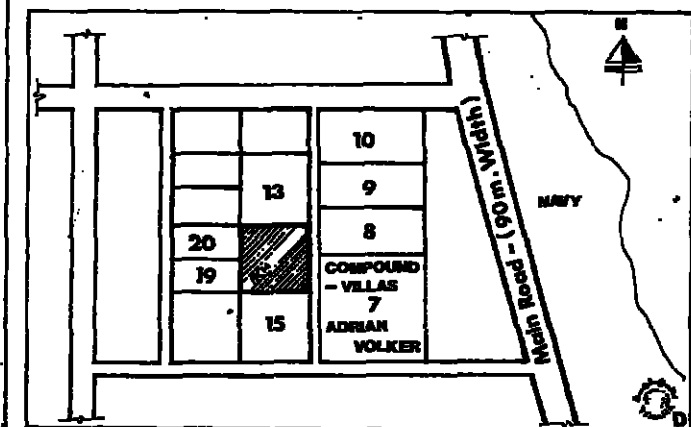
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Minister assassinated in west

San Salvador police slay fourteen

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, May 23 (AP) — Police opened fire Tuesday on three groups of anti-government demonstrators in the vicinity of the Venezuelan Embassy in San Salvador, a government spokesman said. Fourteen people were reported killed and an unidentified body guard was shot to death at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday near the minister's home in west-

ern San Salvador, a police spokesman said. Herrera Rebollo, a prominent member of the Christian Democratic Party and twice mayor of San Salvador, was driving to his office in the Ministry of Education with at least one body guard when an unknown number of people fired at the car, police said.

No anti-government group has claimed responsibility for the assassination. The militant anti-government Popular Revolutionary Bloc, which is holding the French and Venezuelan embassies, the Metropolitan Cathedral and numerous other Catholic churches throughout the country, claims to be a non-violent organization.

Other militant groups which have used violence in their efforts to overthrow the government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero, are the Farabundo Marti Popular Liberation forces, the Armed Forces of National Resistance and the People's Revolutionary Army. After the shooting in the capital, the militants remained in the embassy, which they seized May 11, although the Venezuelan ambassador and seven other hostages escaped Sunday night.

The government offered them safe conduct out of the country but they turned it down, and authorities cut off supplies of food, water and electricity to force them out.

Flores Lima claimed in a telephone interview that "the police received fire from the militants and had to return it," but this could not be confirmed independently.

A spokesman for the Bloc, a leftist umbrella group of students and peasants agitating for social reforms, claimed the demonstrators were marching peacefully to take food to the militants in the embassy when police opened fire.

Witnesses said a dozen demonstrators sought refuge in a shop near the embassy, then police surrounded the shop and said they would "get them out in any way possible."



FREE : Venezuela's ambassador to El Salvador, Santiago Ochoa, makes a telephone call moments after he and his staff escaped their embassy where guerrillas were holding them captive.

U.S. asking Soviets for SALT overflights

MOSCOW, May 23 (AP) — The United States has raised with the Soviet Union the sensitive issue of overflights of Turkey to check Soviet compliance with the second strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II), an authoritative Western diplomat has said.

So far, the source said Tuesday, the Soviets have not reacted to the proposal, which is critical because it concerns the question of whether the SALT II accord, which is to be signed in Vienna next month by President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, can be adequately verified.

The informant said he did not expect the Soviets to come out publicly and approve the idea but they might concur in private or say "Three-month ban imposed on new U.S. reactors"

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